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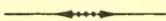
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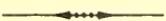




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In  
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Altamahaw Baptist Church	R-2, Elon College, N. C.
Andrews Memorial Baptist Church	W. Elm St., Graham, N. C.
Brookwood Baptist Church	Garfield Road, Burlington, N. C.
City Lake Baptist Church	Carolina-Hopedale Rd., RFD Burlington, N.C.
Deep Creek Baptist Church	R-3, Burlington, N. C.
Edgewood Baptist Church	R-4, Mebane, N. C.
Fellowship Baptist Church	R-1, Burlington, N. C.
First Baptist Church of Alamance	Alamance, N. C.
First Baptist Church of Mebane	Mebane, N. C.
Glen Hope Baptist Church	Cor. Graham St. & North Ave., Burlington, N. C.
Glen Raven Baptist Church	Glen Raven, N. C.
Grove Park Baptist Church	107 Trail 1, Grove Pk., Burlington, N. C.
Hico Baptist Church	H'way 87, Graham, N. C.
Hocutt Memorial Baptist Church	812 W. Front St., Burlington, N. C.
Kinnett Memorial Baptist Church	1106 E. Morehead St., Burlington, N. C.
Moore's Chapel Baptist Church	Saxapahaw, N. C.
Northside Baptist Church	513 Homewood Ave., Burlington, N. C.
Swepsonville Baptist Church	Swepsonville, N. C.

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ALTAMAHAW BAPTIST CHURCH

Altamahaw, N. C.  
1960

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Rev. J. Howard Smith, Pastor

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Prepared  
By

Stella Matkins

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HISTORY  
Altamahaw Baptist Church  
By  
Stella Watkins  
1960

The building in which the Altamahaw Baptist Church was organized had served various purposes. It had been at different times, a school house and a garage. At times, various groups had met in the building for meetings of a religious nature.

Following a revival by a Baptist minister, Rev. H. P. Gauldin, a group met on June 2, 1935, and organized a Baptist church.

The old church building, with various additions, was used until 1952, when all except a small portion of the framework was torn down and a brick-veneered building was constructed, with thirteen Sunday School rooms and a larger auditorium. The remodeling also included a baptistery, the first in the history of the church.

There were 22 charter members. At the present time there are 240 members.

The first pastor was Rev. H. P. Gauldin, who served from 1935 until December, 1937.

Rev. C. H. Stanfield was called as pastor February 6, 1938. He served until December, 1955.

The present pastor, Rev. Howard Smith began his ministry on March 4, 1956.

Three former members of the church have been called into the Gospel. Rev. Coy Thompson is now pastor of Glen Raven Baptist Church, and Rev. Jack Clark is pastor of Glen Hope Baptist Mission. Rev. Frank Haith is now a student at Fruitland Baptist Bible Institute, without a pastorate at the present time.

The church began operations with a budget of \$30.00 per week, but present budget is \$183.73 per week.

The church is a member of the Mount Zion Baptist Association, and of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The church educational program, in addition to the Sunday School, includes a Training Union, which was organized in 1956.

The missionary organization includes a Woman's Missionary Society, Sunbeam Band, Girls' Auxiliary and a Young Womans' Auxiliary.

The church cooperates with the missionary program of the Southern Baptist Convention, the Mount Zion Associational missionary program, and includes the Damascus Home of Snow Camp in its weekly budget.







H I S T O R Y

ANDREWS MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH  
GRAHAM, NORTH CAROLINA  
(1961)

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REV. EUGENE HANCOCK, PASTOR

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ANDREWS MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH

"And I will give you pastors according to mine heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding." -----Jeremiah 3:15

"We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers; Remembering without ceasing your work of faith, and labour of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ, in the sight of God and our Father."

Rev. Eugene Hancock, Pastor, received his education in the Graham Schools, Elon College, and Piedmont Bible College of Winston Salem, N. C. He is now a member of the Board of Trustees of Piedmont College.

The Rev. Hancock, from the time he was called into the ministry, has faithfully and uncompromisingly preached the Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ. He has a love and passion for souls, and preaches and practices a separated and consecrated christian life.

In addition to the successful leadership as pastor of Andrews Memorial Baptist, Rev. Hancock has been used greatly by the Lord as an Evangelist throughout North Carolina and Virginia.

The Rev. Hancock is married to the former Miss Billie Williams of Burlington, N. C. They have one daughter, Glenda, who is a graduate of Elon College and is married to Mr. Ralph Williams. They live in Germany where he is stationed with the U. S. Army.

Mrs. Hancock, from the beginning of the church, has been used greatly by the Lord in working with our young people. Through the untiring and faithful efforts of this dear saint of God, many have come to know the Lord and are in full time work for Him.

No one will doubt that the church owes its growth to their emphasis on reaching the young people for Christ, and Mrs. Hancock played a major part. To the Pastor and Mrs. Hancock, we pray God's continued blessing upon you.

Tommy Willis  
Asst. Pastor

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On April 6, 1942, the Andrews Memorial Baptist Church, of Graham, N. C. organized with the Rev. Eugene Hancock as Pastor. The building in which the church was first organized was donated by Mrs. Lee Andrews. The church then adopted the name of Andrews Memorial Baptist Church in memory of the late Mr. Lee Andrews.

A short time later the church purchased a house on the right and remodeled church and house because of the need of a larger place of worship due to the fast growth of its congregation.

In September of 1947, a lot on Oneida Street was purchased for a new church building.

Our present building which was completed in February 1949, has a large air conditioned auditorium, 38 Sunday School rooms, Pastor's study and office, and two nurseries.

In 1955 the corner lot joining the church property, and fronting W. Elm Street was purchased, on which a new auditorium will be erected in the near future.



ORGANIZATION

"For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ."  
I Corinthians 3: 11

Upon this foundation, the Andrews Memorial Baptist Church of Graham was started seventeen years ago. Built upon this Rock, it has stood the test of time. The church has grown from mission to missionary, and today its testimony reaches out to many parts of the world. Certainly, Christ has set before us "an open door which no man can shut," and the future is as bright as the promises of God. But lest we forget the heritage of the past, we pause today to remember how it all began and to give thanks to God for His blessings.

The year was 1942. The world was at war, but at such a time as this, God was speaking to the hearts of men and women and calling out a people for His name. Out of this time of crisis, a church was born. It was conceived by the Spirit of God, and a few faithful Christians carried it in their hearts and travailed in prayer.

The time was April 6th. It was Easter Sunday. How fitting that on the day commemorating the resurrection of Jesus Christ, a new torch was lighted to shine in the darkness and spread the good news of eternal life. Into a building on the corner of Mill and Market streets, the people gathered. Rev. G. W. Swinney, pastor of the Glen Hope Baptist Church of Burlington, served as moderator for the meeting. By the will of God, fifteen charter members covenanted together to become a Missionary Baptist Church. Rev. Eugene Hancock, who led the people this far, was to lead them even farther as their Pastor.

The new church became known as the Mission Baptist Church, but in January, 1943, the name was changed. At that time, the name Andrews Memorial Baptist Church was adopted, in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Andrews, who gave the first building to be used by the Church, and who aided in its organization.

The rest of the story is a matter of record. Within two short years, the Sunday School of the Andrews Memorial Church had grown to over 300 members, and today that number has increased to more than 800. Growth cannot be measured in numbers alone, but in lives transformed by the power of Christ. God has honored the faithful preaching of His Word with the salvation of many souls.

Such results have been possible because the Church was built on the right foundation: Jesus Christ. May He continue to be the foundation of the building and the head of the body.

## MEMBERSHIP

"...And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved."  
Acts 2: 47

No other explanation is sufficient to account for the rapid growth of Andrews Memorial Baptist Church. The Lord has added to the Church those who have responded to its message of salvation, and God has seen fit to give a gracious increase.

The Church was started in April, 1942, with only fifteen charter members. Through its radio ministry, through its preaching ministry, through its Sunday School ministry, through its ministry in music, and through personal witnessing, people far and wide were reached with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. As the people and Pastor faithfully worked, God blessed in a marvelous way.



At the close of the past church year, the Andrews Memorial Church numbered a total of 917 members in its fellowship. During that year, the Sunday School enrollment reached a total of 875 members, with an average attendance of 650. On Sunday, April 21, 1957, the record Sunday School attendance was reached, as 719 people attended the service.

Through the years, the Andrews Memorial Church has maintained a high standard of membership. Qualifications include: a personal faith in Christ as Saviour and Lord; a separated and dedicated life; and obedience to Christ through Scriptural baptism. With this uncompromising stand, the Church led the Mt. Zion Association in baptisms last year, as forty-eight people were baptized into its fellowship. There were thirteen other additions to the Church last year, for a total gain of sixty-one members.

May the Lord give us a passion for the lost and zeal for soul-winning, so that we may continue to reach the unsaved around us. If we put this first, the Lord will add to the Church.

#### PROPERTY

"Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it."

Psalm 127: 1

When Solomon set out to build a temple for the Lord, he realized that "the most High dwelleth not in temples made with hands;" but he said, "Behold, I build an house to the name of the Lord my God, to dedicate it to Him....And the house which I build is great; for great is our God above all gods." Christians have felt this same desire to build churches and Sunday schools that they might be dedicated to the service of Christ.

Through the years the Andrews Memorial Church has been building for this purpose: to reach men for Christ and teach them the Word of God. The first building to be used by the Church was located on the corner of Mill and Market streets, and was donated by Mr. and Mrs. Lee Andrews. Since that time, the Church has moved to its present location on Oneida Street in Graham.

The Church property now includes an auditorium and Sunday school plant, valued at \$100,000. The auditorium is completely air-conditioned, and offers two nurseries for the children. Located behind the main auditorium is a new Church hut, also air-conditioned, and valued at \$10,000. This building is used for children's services, and is also used by the Young Married People's Sunday School class. In recent years, the Church has built a beautiful parsonage on Elm Street in Graham, where the Pastor and his family reside. The parsonage is valued at \$25,000, bringing the property owned by the Church to a grand total of \$135,000.

In spite of this record of expansion, the present facilities are not adequate for such a growing congregation. More Sunday School space is needed, and quite often extra chairs must be brought in for the preaching services. Already, plans are underway to construct a new building, at a cost of approximately \$140,000, and toward this goal, \$30,000 has now been raised. As a testimony to the people's faithfulness to give, it should be noted that all of the present Church property is debt-free.

Such a record of material blessings certainly indicates that the people have not built alone, for the hand of God has been working with them. May He continue to build the house, that it might be used for His glory; and may we remember that all that we have belongs to Him, and we are but stewards who must give an account of our stewardship.



YOUNG PEOPLE WHO ARE IN FULL TIME WORK FROM OUR CHURCH

During the history of our church, God has been pleased to call the following into full time work. Some are preparing for the ministry, others have already entered full time work.

Rev. Clyde Martin - Pastor of First Baptist Church, Senatobia, Miss.

Rev. Aubrey Quakenbush - Pastor of First Baptist Church, Clinton, N. C.

Rev. Frank McGuire - Pastor of Rose of Sharon Baptist Church, Durham, N. C.

Rev. William T. Hogan - Pastor of church in Alabama.

Rev. Charles Foushee - Pastor of West Charlotte Baptist Church, Charlotte, N. C.

Rev. Thomas Willis - Assistant Pastor of Andrews Memorial Baptist Church, Graham, N. C.

Rev. Buddy Tuttle - Pastor of Hillcrest Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, N. C.

Don La Belle - Attending South Western Baptist Seminary.

David Michael - Attending South Western Baptist Seminary.

Frank Furgerson - Christian work in Calvary Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, N. C.

Rev. Fleet Millsap - Pastor of Emmanuel Baptist Church, Burlington, N. C.

Rev. Frank Chrisco - Attending Piedmont Bible College, Winston-Salem, N. C. and in Evangelistic work.

Ronald Lashley - Tennessee Temple College, Chattanooga, Tenn. Studying for Mission Field.

James Burgess - Attending Tennessee Temple College, Chattanooga, Tenn.

Don Kimrey - Educational Director of Calvary Baptist Church, Burlington, N. C.

"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." -----Matthew 28: 19, 20.

Andrews Memorial, as a Missionary Baptist Church, has been blessed of God to have a well-rounded missionary program. These are the Foreign Missionaries and their work supported directly by the church:

Miss Bernice Johnson.....Haiti

Miss Marjorie Deal.....Belgian Congo

Ernest and Ruth Ronk.....Belgian Congo

George Morell and Family.....Dominican Republica

George Hernahdez and Family.....Windward Islands

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Sharpe and Family.....Jamaica

The Voice of Tangier.....Broadcasting the Gospel to the

Paul Freed, Pres. millions of Europe, North Africa, Middle East, and behind the Iron Curtain.



HOME MISSIONS

In addition to Foreign Missions, the Church also supports Piedmont Bible College of Winston-Salem, N. C.

God is using this college in a wonderful way, training young people for His work.

RADIO WORK

Since the beginning, the Church has maintained a very successful Radio Ministry.

The Church has two Broadcasts: Sunday afternoon over WBBB, 2:30 - 3:00 P.M; and Sunday evening The Evangelistic Service over WBBB, 7:30 ~ 8:30 P.M.

Two active Prayer Bands are a great help in the spirituality of our Church: the Thursday Afternoon Prayer Band and the Saturday Evening Prayer Band.

On May 14, 1961 the new \$225,000 building was dedicated and services held in its sanctuary for the first time as members of Andrews Memorial Baptist Church gathered for their annual Homecoming Day.

Dr. Ernest Hancock of Star delivered the 11 o'clock dedicatory service. Open House was held from 3 to 5 o'clock p.m. at the church on West Elm Street.

Dr. Hancock dedicated a 110-foot building recently completed by Holt Construction Company of Graham. The building includes a sanctuary which will seat approximately 1,000 people, including a choir of 50 members.

The basement of the new building contains 12 classrooms, corridor, lobby, toilet facilities and utility and storage rooms. The building is heated and cooled with more than 30 tons of air conditioning.

The colonial design of this new building is by Vernon E. Lewis, architect and specialist in church design, of Burlington. Construction was begun in May of 1960.

The building is crowned by a 106-foot steeple with a white asbestos shingled spire, topped by a solid aluminum cross. Entrance to the vestibule is through a portico whose roof is supported by four Roman Doric columns measuring 66 inches in diameter at the base. The church has 12 circle head memorial windows, four feet wide and 13 feet high.

Andrews Memorial Baptist Church was organized with 15 members. At the close of 1961 the church has a total of 1,100 members.







H I S T O R Y  
BROOKWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH  
West Davis At Garfield Rd.  
Burlington, North Carolina

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Rev. Hoyt J. Roberson, Pastor

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Prepared By

Mrs. Mary Mitchell Terrell



## B R O O K W O O D   B A P T I S T   C H U R C H

### H I S T O R Y

Brookwood Baptist Church was first organized as a mission with the first meeting being held on September 7, 1942. A store building was used for the meetings and was later purchased by Mr. and Mrs. George Rudder, and converted into a home.

Rev. A. P. Stephens, Pastor of Hocutt Memorial Baptist Church, held the first services with about fifty people attending. Mr. W. W. Walker was the first adult teacher and Miss Virginia Walker was the first pianist. Mrs. Ella Askew was the first Woman's Missionary Union leader. Other teachers were: Mrs. Mittie Rainey, Mrs. Jessie Cornell, with Mr. Frank Fagan as the first Sunday School Superintendent.

There were 34 charter members of the church, including the following: Mrs. Mary Mitchell Terrell, Mrs. D. R. Suggs, Mrs. Alma Mitchell Winfrey, Mrs. J. L. Cornell, Mr. Herman Cornell, Mr. Edward Hoyle, Jr., Rev. Guthrie Colvard, Gail Colvard, Mr. Frank Fagan, Mrs. Frank Fagan, Mr. Lonnie Brande, Mrs. Jake Neeley, Mrs. Ray Stanley, Mr. C. H. Flynt, Mr. J. J. Lassiter, Mrs. C. R. Hudson, Mr. V. M. Winfrey, Mrs. C. H. Askew, Mrs. W. L. Rainey, Mr. W. L. Rainey, Mr. J. L. Cornell, Mrs. E. A. Hoyle, Mrs. C. H. Browning, Mrs. Guthrie Colvard, Mrs. Inez Williams, Miss Sara Fagan, Mrs. Ora Hyatt, Mr. Jake Neeley, Mrs. Sadie Woods, Mr. Roy Stanley, Mrs. C. H. Flynt, Mrs. J. J. Lassiter, Mr. C. R. Hudson, and Miss Florence Haddock.

On October 19, 1945, this group of twenty-eight people became the charter members and selected Brookwood Baptist Church as the name of the new church. Land was purchased on West Davis Street by Hocutt Memorial Baptist Church and a frame building was erected as a first unit, with most of the work being done by people of the community.

On October 21, 1945, Brookwood Baptist Church was organized as a church with thirty-four charter members. As of late 1959 there were three hundred and nine people on the church roll.

From a one-room store building on Hawthorne Lane in 1942 to a modern chapel and educational building having nineteen classrooms, one social room, a study, an office, a three-room nursery, and a full-time pastor in 1959 has been the history of the church to a great extent, showing the growth and the general spreading out that has taken place.

Rev. Guthrie Colvard served as the first pastor of the church from April of 1945 to October of 1951 when he resigned to accept a pastorate of Clearcreek Baptist Church, at Clearcreek. It is the general sentiment of most of the charter members that without the dedication and general competency of Mr. Colvard, who was so ably assisted by Mrs. Colvard, the foundation for the new church would not have been so strong as to build for the future as it was.

On February 11, 1951, the church suffered a fire that damaged the frame structure that required repairs which were mostly done by members themselves.

Rev. B. L. Gupton served as supply pastor from March, 1951 through June, 1951, at which time Rev. Elmer Cates was called as pastor, assuming his duties on September 9, 1951 and serving until June of 1955 when he resigned and organized Central Baptist Church of Burlington.



Rev. Earl Pym was called as pastor in August of 1955 and served until October of 1959. When he was called he was attending Southeastern Seminary at Wake Forest. The church was feeling the need of more room, and Rev. Pym felt that it should proceed with the building program and therefore the building was started. The foundation and enclosure was installed by a contractor, and most of the inside work was done by the members of the church and the people of the community.

Brookwood Baptist Church purchased the M. C. Spoon property in Elon College to start a Mission which is known today as Elon Baptist Church.

On August 28, 1955, the following letter was written to one of the members:

"Brother Lewis Moore:

We, the members of Brookwood Baptist Church, wish to express our gratitude to you for your loyalty, love, devotion and patience during the time that the church was without a pastor. You have served your church and the people in a great way, as well as serving the Lord Jesus Christ. Please accept this letter as our appreciation and gratitude for all that you have done."

Those who were elected to the first Building Committee of the church included: Mr. Frank Fagan, Mr. Jake Neeley, Mr. C. H. Flynt, Mrs. Frank Fagan, Mr. Rex Hudson, Mrs. Mary Terrell, and Mr. Roy Stanley.

In 1955 a new Building Committee was elected. It included: Mr. Lewis Moore, Chairman; Mr. Freeman Loy, Mr. David Thacker, Mr. P. J. Johnson, Mr. Paul Gant, and Mrs. E. A. Hoyle, Sr.







H I S T O R Y  
CITY LAKE BAPTIST CHURCH  
1960

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Prepared  
By  
Mrs. Edna Copeland  
1960

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HISTORY  
City Lake Baptist Church  
By  
Mrs. Edna Copeland  
1960

On May 25, 1947, a group of 18 people having secured the use of the Midway School building, met and organized a Baptist Sunday School. H. S. Fisher was chosen as superintendent.

In the same year on June 15, seven persons constituted themselves into a Baptist Church. Moderator of the meeting was Rev. C. C. Hancock of Carrboro, and his wife acted as clerk.

H. S. Fisher was chosen as the first deacon. The group voted to adopt the Covenant and Articles of Faith of the First Baptist Church of Burlington. It also was agreed to have Rev. C. C. Hancock serve as supply pastor. Later, F. P. Tickle and Jake Foust were elected as deacons and trustees to serve with Mr. Fisher.

While waiting to begin preparation at Wake Forest for the ministry, Earl Harden of Burlington served as supply pastor from the spring of 1948 until early 1949.

Very valuable in the growth of the young church and Sunday School were W. G. Herndon, and H. L. Hamilton, acting as Sunday School superintendent and teacher. Mrs. Miriam Robertson was never to be forgotten by many as she came each Sunday to teach the young peoples class and to play the piano.

In June of 1948, just a little more than a year after the first Sunday School classes were held, the church began planning for a new building. The plans adopted were drawn by Ben. Dixon. Mr. Fisher, Tickle, Foust, and A. M. Perry were elected to the building committee. The building was to be erected on a site given by W. F. Fisher. However, the Baptist State Board of Missions gave \$500 as payment for the lot. That amount was then given by Mr. Fisher to be applied on the building.

The building was mainly constructed from the discarded building which the Hocutt Memorial Church gave as it was just finishing the erection of a new church building. Hocutt Memorial Church also gave the church pews. The Council of Baptist Churches of Alamance and notably the First and Hocutt Memorial Churches, gave liberally toward the new building.

One of the most outstanding individuals in the early life of the church was J. R. Copland, Sr. of the Copland Fabrics Corporation, who generously gave both his financial and moral support. He was not a member of the church, but being a Baptist, he was eager to have a Baptist Church in the community.

In February of 1949, Rev. S. L. Morgan, formerly pastor of the First Baptist Church, was called as supply pastor. He came from Wake Forest each Saturday to visit and held two services on Sunday.

A great day in the life of the church was on April 3, 1949, when the first worship services were held in the new building. By that time the church enrollment had reached 19.

Dedication Day was three weeks late, with most of the city pastors taking part. It was an allday event with lunch being enjoyed on the church ground. J. R. Copland, Sr. had had the building painted inside and out for the occasion. It was a day to be remembered as the people read responsively, solemnly setting apart the building to the service of God. The members had chosen to call the church City Lake, since its location was very near the City Lake.



By June of 1949, the membership had reached 32, and rooms were being built in the basement of the building for Sunday School classrooms.

The church began early to plan for the young people. The first Vacation Bible School was held June 13-20, 1949. The leader of that school was Miss Ruby Williams of Buie's Creek. That school was a great success as was noted when 70 diplomas were awarded.

A Boy Scout troop was sponsored by the church and led by Mr. Cammack of Burlington, assisted by R. L. Ivey. In July the Scouts spent a week at camp.

By the middle of 1949 the church began looking for a pastor. It was in October that the church gave a unanimous call to Rev. Aubrey Quakenbush of Graham. Both Rev. and Mrs. Quakenbush were graduates of Moody Bible Institute in Chicago. Rev. Quakenbush remained until September of 1950, when he left to attend the seminary at Wake Forest.

Following Rev. Quakenbush was Rev. W. R. Sinclair, who remained as pastor for almost a year, during which the church began improvements on the church lot, driveways, and parking lot.

Plans were begun to build a parsonage on the lot next to the church lot in the year of 1951.

James Holsonback was elected as Sunday School Superintendent in 1951 and for nine years served the church ably in that capacity, as well as in many other forms of service.

In August of 1951, C. L. Abernethy began to supply the pastorate. He had come from the First Baptist Church on a mission program and had been teaching the Men's Sunday School Class for some time.

It was on February 3, 1952, that the church voted to call Mr. Abernethy as pastor. The Abernethy family was the first to move into the parsonage, for which Mr. Abernethy had worked diligently to help the church secure, not knowing that his family would be the first occupants.

City Lake Baptist Church continued to grow. In the year of 1952 its membership increased, as did its building facilities. Work continued on classroom space, rest rooms and nursery equipment were installed, and more work was done on the parking area. Also, that was the year the Womens Missionary Union was organized with Mrs. Carrie Thompson serving as president of the group.

In the summer of 1953 the church sanctuary was remodeled and stained glass windows were added.

In August of 1954, a combination organ and piano was purchased.

In September of 1954, more classrooms were added in the basement, and by spring of 1955 it was necessary to begin an additional building for classrooms. By then the Sunday School had grown so that a second assembly was necessary. It included the Beginners, Primarys, Juniors, and Intermediates.

Rev. Bobby Baxter came to the church as pastor in November of 1955, following the resignation of Rev. Abernethy in October.



As the months passed, it became apparent to the members of the church that more land was needed for the continuing growth of the church. The door was opened to that land in 1957 when the Midway School property was to be sold. The land and building were purchased from the Alamance County School System. The lot on which the church stood was sold to Copland Fabrics, and the church auditorium was moved to the new property. That move was perhaps one of the greatest steps the church had ever taken. It proved two things about the church. One, that the members could pull together in a crisis, and two, that they were ready and willing to accept the challenges of the future.

In August of 1959 Rev. C. W. Hawkins accepted the pastorate of the church, following the resignation of Rev. Baxter in the spring.

No outstanding mission accomplishments have been made by the little church thus far, but to serve the community has been its most earnest endeavor.







## H I S T O R Y

DEEP CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH  
(1935 - 1962)

Route 3, Burlington, N. C.

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Rev. Bennett Walker, Pastor

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Prepared by

Revia M. Walker

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HISTORY  
DEEP CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH  
Route 3, Burlington, N. C.

Deep Creek Baptist Church was organized by Rev. Ralph Wilson of Glencoe on Thursday night, July 25, 1935. Sam Linberry served as moderator, with the scripture reading by Rev. W. T. Johnson, and prayer by J. A. Gentry.

Mr. Gentry explained at the organizational meeting that there was no church within two miles of the location. At this organizational meeting, the reading of resolutions was by Mr. Wilson. Articles of Faith was by Mr. Johnson, and the motion for adoption was by Mr. Gentry, seconded by Docia Linberry and Mr. John Allen. The motion was adopted without any opposition.

Charter members received into the church by letter were: Sam Linberry, Ann Linberry; by statement, Docia Linberry, J. A. Gentry, Mrs. J. A. Gentry, Polly Gentry, William Byrd, Mrs. William Byrd, Mr. Honeycutt, and Guthrie Murray; for baptism, Lucy Davis, Clara Davis, Iris Gentry, Lela Dean Gentry, and Arthur Murray.

Deacons named were Guthrie Murray as chairman, and J. A. Gentry, with Mrs. J. A. Gentry as Sunday School Superintendent, Sam Linberry as Church Treasurer, and Docia Linberry as Clerk. Also at the meeting it was approved that Mrs. Ches Roney would be named as honorary member, and Rev. W. T. Johnson was appointed to administer ordination of baptism to the waiting candidates.

Later the church was moved from the spot just across a dirt road that was a public road at the time and the present name was adopted.

At the time of the organization meeting the church was named "Roney's Memorial Baptist Church." The Linberry family, it is noted, donated the land for the new church.

The new church building was not completed until 1950 after Rev. Bennett Walker became pastor.

The first meeting was in an old schoolhouse with early leaders, outstanding laymen and pastors, including: Arthur Murray, Sam Linberry, Docia Linberry, Guthrie Murray, and Mrs. Johnson as the first pianist.

The church went to Mt. Zion Association in 1938.

At the time the church was admitted to the Association, Yarbrough Curl was pastor.

A list of pastors who have served at Deep Creek Baptist Church includes: Rev. W. T. Johnson, Yarbrough Curl (1937), S. E. Elmore, Eugene Hancock, Ralph Wilson as supply pastor, and Rev. Smith. Rev. Bennett Walker, the present pastor, became pastor in March of 1949.

No records were kept for a long period of time by the church. In 1948 and 1949, however, the church was about to be changed from its status and moved to Hopedale, and except for a small number of members this probably would have happened. This small group, however, held the church together until March of 1949 at which time Rev. Bennett Walker was called as pastor. Mr. Walker was ordained by Glen Hope Baptist Church on September 11, 1949 and he assumed the pastorate of the church that was literally struggling for its existence. The small building at that time was not completed; it had an old coal stove and as the members described it--when the weather was cold it was cold inside the church, and when the weather was hot, it was hot inside the church. It wasn't unusual for wasps and other insects to come out of the walls and come close to breaking up the service.



The first Sunday as pastor, Mr. Walker found 12 people in attendance at the church service, and a Sunday School enrollment of 20. Because of the small membership and, in turn, the small income from the church to pay a pastor, it was agreed that the pastor would get all the offering coming into the services, and the Sunday School offering would go for church expense.

The church under Mr. Walker's pastoring took new life and began to grow. The following Sunday there were 17 members present and the growth continued to be noticed each Sunday. The pastor, in turn, worked as machinist by trade and pastored the church also until 1954.

In 1950 the pastor, realizing the need for an improvement in the building, asked the church to set a salary for him so the church could have more money with which to finish the building program. Following the request, the church agreed and set \$25.00 a week for him starting in 1950. This continued until 1952 at which time his salary was increased to \$32.00 a week. The church continued to show growth and in 1954 Rev. Walker agreed to give up his job as a machinist to devote full time to the pastoral work of the church even with the small salary.

Mr. Walker not having finished school decided to go back and finish high school. This he did and in turn went to Bible College and then finished Southeastern Theological Seminary in May of 1959.

In 1953 the small building that was serving the church at that time was moved to the back portion of the lot and the new building was started. The Linberry family gave more land to the church and by 1954 the congregation was in the new building. The church continued to show growth in its new facilities and then found a need for a new educational building. In 1956 land was donated by C. R. Roney for a cemetery which now has several members of the families of the congregation buried there.

The church has a missionary in Indonesia it helps to support by contributing \$28.66 per month. Donations also are made, not only to Miss Helen Jean Moose, in Indonesia, but to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Frazier in New Guinea, and Mr. Tom Croon in Africa.

The records show that in 1955 a budget was adopted for the church totaling \$5,270.00, including funds for utilities, literature, pastor's salary, janitor service, Convention objects, retirement fund, new building fund, house rent, and miscellaneous items, the pastor's salary at this time having been increased to \$2,400.00 annually. The goal was set to finish the present building and to add new Sunday School rooms as the project for the coming year.

The church voted on March 11, 1956 to start a building program to include new Sunday School rooms. At that time the church had \$1,000.00 on hand and voted to borrow \$2,000.00 from a Burlington bank, with the remainder of the debt to be bought on credit as materials, with the labor to be supplied by the church congregation. H. S. Norris of Route #1, Graham, was selected and voted upon to represent the congregation to sign the application and sign for the money upon the request of the local bank.

By the time the total building program was completed and considering other indebtedness that had accumulated in the past, the church now owed a total of \$6,000.00, with a total of \$4,000.00 being owed to First Federal Savings & Loan Association of Burlington, and \$2,000.00 to Wachovia Bank & Trust Company of Burlington.

The Trustees elected in October of 1956 to serve for one year included: Lacy Shanklin, Charles J. Holt, Tommy Barnwell, James Pruitt, and William Marley. A



resolution also was adopted to elect new trustees to serve each new church year.

In September of 1956 the following officers and teachers were named to serve for the new year: Ushers - William Payne, Calvin Jessup, Thomas Strickland, and Walter Frazier; Teachers - Beginners, Mrs. Bill Overby and Mrs. Walter Frazier; Primary Boys, Mrs. Rose Shanklin and Mrs. Hazel Payne; Primary Girls, Mrs. B. R. Wilson, Sr. and Mrs. Inez Holt; Junior Girls, Mrs. Ethel Phillips; Junior Boys, Ernest Barnwell and Otis Buchanon; Treasurer, Lacy Shanklin, Church Clerk, Mrs. Ethel Phillips; Keeper of Cemetery, Calvin Jessup and Rev. Bennett Walker; Sunday School Superintendent, Charles J. Holt; and Assistant Superintendent, William Payne.

In the meantime, the congregation had voted to insulate the church, to take out additional insurance, and also to install gas heaters in the new classrooms of the educational building.

Rev. Curtis V. Oakley, a member of Deep Creek Church, is serving as pastor of Hico Baptist Church, located on Highway #87, South of Graham. Rev. Oakley requested ordination to the Gospel Ministry on Saturday night, July 27, 1957, and the ordination service, in turn, was held on Sunday afternoon, July 28, 1957, at the church. Those present from the congregation, as well as others, included: Rev. Bennett Walker, Rev. Gattis Brown, Rev. Ralph Rivers, Rev. Herbert Brown, C. J. Holt, and Curtis V. Oakley,

Questioning of Charles J. Holt for ordination to the Gospel Ministry was held on January 4, 1958 at Deep Creek Baptist Church. Those present were as follows: Rev. Ralph Rivers, Rev. A. C. Starlings, Rev. Lee Stuart, Rev. Curtis Oakley, and Rev. Bennett Walker. The committee voted unanimously to ordain Mr. Holt into the ministry. The ordination service was held on Sunday afternoon, January 5, 1958, at the Deep Creek Baptist Church.

It was noted that during a period of time that the Deep Creek church was experiencing a considerable amount of growth and at the same time encountering an increased amount of expenses.

At a business meeting on March 9, 1958, Rev. Walker, acting as moderator, brought before the church, as approved by the Deacons, a new budget because of the inability of the church to meet all of its obligations with the amount of money that it was receiving weekly. The new budget called for \$112.00 per week instead of \$139.50, this being accomplished by a reduction in the mission offering. The congregation also authorized two recommendations borrowing additional funds from First Federal Savings & Loan to pay off their loan at the Wachovia Bank, the note at First Federal being of a long-term nature.

A new budget approved on March 9, 1958 called for an outlay on the part of the church of \$447.86 per month.

The congregation has sent two pastors into the ministry, a missionary to the Island of Java, and has continued to contribute to missions through the Southern Baptist Convention.

The church has grown in many ways in its more than ten years of history, with 186 baptisms and 139 by statement of transfer.

The buildings and property are valued today at \$40,000.00.

During this time, also, the road by the church has been paved to give more convenience to the members, and a full church program has been conducted since Rev. Walker assumed the full-time pastorate, including rather frequent revivals, visitations on the part of the congregation to other congregations for special services,



and a general and well-rounded program within Deep Creek church itself. The congregation has shown itself in many ways to have justified its faith in meeting each challenge and in moving ahead into many areas of activity, worship and growth.

At a business meeting May 26, 1958, we voted to present Bibles to the High School graduates who were members of our church.

October 25, 1959, the church voted in a nominating committee to select all the officers and teachers of each year.

November 15, 1959, we voted to put new steps at the two entrances at the cost of \$68.00.

November 20, 1959, Speaker amplifiers were installed in the church at the cost of \$135.00.

May 8, 1960, the church voted to drill a well, put in a pump which was donated by Mr. John Lassiter. The cost of the well was \$400.00.

May 14, 1960, rest rooms were installed in the church, cost of \$1143.83.

June 13, 1960, our Daily Vacation Bible School was held at night - 6:00 P.M. to 8:30. Average attendance, 107.

In a special called meeting July 24, 1960, Broadcasting each Sunday afternoon on Radio Station at Siler City, N. C. At this same meeting, a part-time Secretary, Miss Marie Shanklin, was appointed, paying her \$10.00 per month.

Recognition was given to Mrs. Mary Sykes for a fine job as church clerk.

September 4, 1960, new window lights were installed, all others puttied and fixed for \$60.00.

Sanding and finishing floors cost \$217.30.

September 25, 1960, was homecoming day at the church. It is always the last Sunday in September and always a highlight in the Deep Creek Baptist Church.

October 18, 1960, New officers of the church and Sunday School were installed, as follows:

Church Clerk - Mary Sykes

Treasurer - Lacy Shanklin

Sunday School Superintendent - Calvin Jessup, Assistant, Russell Haynes

Sunday School Secretary - Ercell Norris

Ushers - Jim Overbey, Larry Norris, Robert Hinton, Bob Handy

Choir Director - Hulan Norris

Assistant Choir Director - John Richardson

Pianist - Cara Wilson

Assistant Pianist - Pattie Walker

#### Sunday School Teachers:

Beginners - Frankie Jeffries, Glenda Overbey, Mary Sue Pruitt

Primaries - Rosa Shanklin, Mary Sykes

Jr. Girls - Ruth Mae Barrett, Marie Shanklin

Jr. Boys - Ernest Barnwell, Bynum Tuttle

Intermediates - John Richardson, J. D. Barrett

Jesus Lovers - Rev. Walker, George Cannon

Ladies Bible Class - Revia Walker, Elizabeth Oakley

Men's Bible Class - Lacy Shanklin, Bill Sykes

New Life in Christ - Rev. Curtis Oakley, James Pruitt



The many fine things the church has done for needy families is not mentioned because of the persons involved.

October 23, 1960, Church bought a vacuum cleaner and polisher for \$155.00.

On December 17, 1960, one of the members of the Church gave an organ to the church as a gift, \$1,000.00.

On February, 1961, the church went on the air as a regular program, Saturday Morning, WBAG - Radio Station.

On April 16, 1961, the church voted to put gutter on the church, cost of \$135.00. Also bought large mailbox, put in more speakers and increased insurance on the property to \$27,000.00. Also, to give a 12% increase to the Baptist Hospital of Winston-Salem, N. C.

June, 1961, Daily Vacation Bible School, June 5th to June 12th. Average Attendance, 114.  
Principal - Marie Shanklin  
Music - Linda Oakley  
Nursery - Mrs. Minor, Mrs. Norris  
Beginners - Frankie Jeffries, Mary Pruitt  
Primaries - Pattie Walker, Carol Overbey  
Jr. Girls - Rosa Shanklin, Mary Sykes  
Jr. Boys - James Pruitt, Ernest Barnwell  
Intermediates - Elizabeth Oakley, Sue Handy  
Hand Craft for Boys - Mr. Minor, Mr. Norris  
Adult Class - Rev. Curtis Oakley

August 6, 1961, we licensed two preachers, Mr. John Richardson, Mr. James Pruitt.

August 13, 1961, Pastor was raised to \$80.00 per week.

August 27, 1961, tuition was paid for James Pruitt to the Piedmont Bible College, \$135.00.

September 24, 1961, a nominating committee was elected: H. S. Norris, James Pruitt, Calvin Jessup, Lacy Shanklin, Tommy Barnwell.

Also an investigating committee for needy families: Rev. Walker, Donald Reed, Tommy Barnwell.

Sunday School Supt. - Bill Sykes  
Treasurer - Lacy Shanklin  
Sunday School Secretary - Marie Shanklin  
Clerk - Mary Sykes  
Deacons - H. S. Norris, Lacy Shanklin, Thomas Barnwell  
Ushers - Jim Overbey, Wilbert Brooks, Larry Norris, Bob Handy  
Cemetery - Calvin Jessup  
Flowers - Revia Walker  
Choir Director - Hulan Norris  
Organist - Linda Oakley  
Pianist - Pattie Walker

Teachers: Nursery - Glenda Overbey, Mary Sue Pruitt  
Beginners - Rosa Shanklin, Elizabeth Oakley  
Primary - Mary Sykes, LaVonne Tuttle  
Jr. Girls - Ruth Mae Barrett  
Jr. Boys - Bynum Tuttle  
Intermediates - Bob and Sue Handy  
Jesus Lovers - Rev. Oakley



**Teachers:** (Cont'd.)

Men's Bible Class - Lacy Shanklin  
Ladies Bible Class - Revia Walker  
Prison Services - Arthur Minor

**Supply Teachers:**

Rev. Walker, Pete Richardson, James Pruitt, J. D. Barrett,  
C. C. Jessupp, Russell Haynes, Cara Wilson, Frankie Jefferies.

**Trustees:**

Tommy Barnwell, Lacy Shanklin, John Richardson, James Pruitt.

November 1, 1961, yard was fixed and sowed grass.

February 7, 1962, Secretary was raised \$10.00 per month, making a total of \$20.00 per month.

The average attendance in Sunday School last associational year - 1960-61 was 173 for each Sunday.

Our Record attendance in Sunday School - 276.

The Budget \$171.00 per week, about \$9000.00 for year 1961.

This year 1962, we have had one of the best years - Average attendance - 189 in Sunday School.

Budget - \$10,000.00 for year.

We have baptized 21, received 14 by letter.

We are very thankful to God for the blessings that have come our way.

Revia M. Walker

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Danny Albright	Jerry Fowler	William Lineberry
George Albright	Cecil Freeman	Docia Lineberry
Margie Albright	Ruth Frazier	Ann Lineberry
Clifton Adams	Walter Frazier	Edna Martin
Sue Adams	Judd Grant	R. B. Martin
Lionell Arquette	Hazel Grant	Sarah Masotta
Nora Arquette	Margaret Grant	Johnny Masotta
Andrew Ashby	James Grant	Jane McCullock
Betty Ashby	Wanda Sue Grant	Gene McCullock
Charles Barnwell, Jr.	Flossie Hall	Lula Minor
Ernest Barnwell	Luthor Hall, Jr.	Arthur Minor
Peggy Barnwell	Hallie Hall	Bonnie Minor
Tommy Barnwell	Sue Handy	Hubert Morris
Tommy James Barnwell	Robert Handy	Arthur Murray
Mabel Barnwell	Barbara Haith	Mozzelle Murray
Mary Frances Barnwell	David Haith	Danny Norris
Zena Lee Barnwell	Patricia Haith	Ercell Norris
Lucille Bell	Walter Haith	Hulan Norris
Harry Bailey	Mary Haynes	Larry Norris
Jennie B. Bailey	Russell Haynes	Little Norris
Barbara Bailey	Sidney Hawks	Rev. Curtis Oakley
Bill Batten	Shirley Hawks	Elizabeth Oakley
Inez Batten	Vera Hilburn	Keith Oakley
William Byrd	Paul Hilburn	Linda Oakley
Mrs. Ercell Byrd	Peggy Hinton	Geoffrey Oakley
Ruth Brown	Robert Hinton	Emma O'Ferrel
Retha Brown	Connie Hughes	Carol Overbey
Shirley Brock	Gerald Hughes	Diana Overbey
Joe Barrett	Charles Hyder	Glenda Overbey (Miss)
J. D. Barrett	Buddy Jeffries	Leonard Overbey
Ruthie Mae Barrett	Sarah Jeffries	Dorothy Overbey
Keenan Barrett	Mary Jeffries	Jim Overbey
Mary Barrett	Patricia Jeffries	Glenda Overby (Mrs.)
Mabel Campbell	J. C. Jeffries	Delois Overbey
R. D. Barts	Frankie Jeffries	Donna Overbey
Ruby Barts	Carl Jeffries	Herman Overbey, Jr.
Wilbur Brooks	Rosie Jeffries	Myrtle Overbey
Evelyn Brooks	Frank Jeffries	William Overbey, Sr.
Gary Brooks	Kenneth Jeffries	Ola Page
Flossie Carroll	Kiser Jeffries	Glenda Payne
John Carroll	Marilyn Jeffries	Pearl Payne
Sterling Carroll	Calvin Jessup	Hazel Payne
Dora Lee Carroll	Hortense Jessup	William Payne
Alice Cobb	Joanna Jones	Rebecca Payne
Janie Cobb	Betty Jones	Jacquelin Payne
Ted Cobb	Patsy Jones	Margie Payne
Paul Cosner	Curtis Jones	Selia Payne
John Chrisco	Marvin Jones	James Pruitt
Mary Chrisco	Aubrey L. Jones	Mary Sue Pruitt
Beatrice Cannon	Aubrey L. Jones, Jr.	Donald Reed
George Cannon	Nellie Jones	John Richardson
Doris Edmons	Teresa Jones	Ruth Richardson
Junior Faucette	Irvin King	J. T. Ragle
Lois Faucette	Ricky Kimbro	Annie Ragle
Johnny Faucette	Kent Lassiter	Mary Roney
Thelma Foust	John Lassiter	Peggy Roney
Jimmy Foust	Yvonne Lassiter	Hubert Roney
Annette Foust	W. A. Lineberry	Mary Frances Red
Wade Fowler	Cordie Lineberry	Donald Lee Self
Genever Fowler	Shirley Lineberry	Mattie Mae Self



Present Membership Of Deep Creek (Cont'd.)

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Sandra Self	Edd Taylor	Pattie Walker
Lacy Shanklin	Elsie Terry	Sandra Walker
Rosa Shanklin	Emma Terry	Joyce Walker
Marie Shanklin	Wade Terry	Tommy Walker
Tommy Shanklin	Christine Trammel	David Walker
Bogous Shue	Fred Trammel	Janie Walker
Mary Shue	Bynum Tuttle, Sr.	Libby Walker
Paul Snow	Bynum Tuttle, Jr.	Melba Warren
Ethel Snow	Ruby Tuttle	Tate Warren
Betty Sykes	La Vonne Tuttle	Ann Webster
Harper Sykes	Eugene Wade	Peggy Webster
Linda Sykes	Shirley Wade	Alfred Whitlow
Mary Sykes	Ora Wade	Hayes Whitlow
William Sykes, Jr.	Luna Wade	Mary Whitlow
Sarah Sykes	Agnes Wade	Cara Wilson
Mrs. Foy Staley	Rev. Bennett Walker	A. L. Webster
Jack Squires	Revia Walker	Ruth Winstead

Members to Join Lately:

Dale Brown	Lillian Cates	Glenn Nelson
Cathleen Brown	Allen Cates	Thelma Nelson
Larry Brown	Bobby Ensley	Donald Nelson
Mr. Richard Cates	Gladys Ensley	Eula Reed
Mrs. Richard Cates	Linda Ensley	Shirley Talbert
	Ellen Overbey	Stacy Talbert







H I S T O R Y  
EDGEWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH  
Route #4, Mebane, N. C.  
(1960)

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Rev. Wallace Smarr, Pastor

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Prepared By  
Mrs. Inez Faucette  
And  
Rev. V. A. Thompson

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HISTORY - EDGEWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH

Route #4, Mebane, N. C.

Having talked for some time about the need for a church in this community and realizing the need for a beginning, the J. C. Faucette, Jr. family offered a lot for a building site, and \$100 in cash. Two other men pledged \$100 each, and others their tithes to its support. So, with this as a start, Rev. E. C. Wilkie, missionary to the Mt. Zion Association was contacted and asked to help in the organization. He advised a census, which was made under his direction, on a Sunday afternoon in September, 1952. Several people of the community helped and it was learned that there were over 100 adults who were Baptist or showed Baptist preference.

With this survey in hand, the first meeting was set for Sunday, September 27, 1952. Rev. Wilkie promised to have someone to preach as he already had an engagement for that Sunday. At his suggestion, it was agreed to bring a picnic lunch so that those who came might get together for fellowship. Not having a meeting place, L. G. Lashley and wife, Melba Faucette Lashley very graciously offered their bake shop, until a church could be built. This building was small. It would hold about 60 or 70 people, but it was the only available building.

Miss Hilda Faucette loaned her piano. The men improvised a pulpit, and bought 50 new chairs, using some of the money that had been donated, and Hocutt Memorial Baptist Church loaned some hymn books they were not using.

The last Sunday in September, 1952, was a beautiful sunny day and it was a thrilling experience to see the people gathering for Sunday School and worship services. Sunday School began at 10:00. Rev. Wilkie had secured Sunday School literature and J. C. Faucette, Jr. was superintendent. All adults met in the L. G. Lashley living room, and Mrs. Virginia Cates was elected teacher. Intermediates met in Sam Faucette's living room, with Mrs. Melba Lashley teacher. The Junior Class met in the front part of Sam Faucette's upholstery shop, Mrs. Opal Sail and Rachael Faucette, teachers; Primary Class in the bake shop, Mrs. Mildred Pickett, teacher; Beginner Class in the bake shop, Mrs. Dorothy Faucette teacher; and Mrs. Elma Patton acting as secretary of the Sunday School.

Immediately after the Sunday School, the worship services were held with Rev. W. Arnold Smith from Raleigh preaching. Rev. Smith was on the staff, as chaplain, at Baptist Hospital, Winston-Salem. After services, it was decided to ask Mr. Smith to come back each Sunday until the group could call a pastor, which he consented to do. It was decided to name this group "The Edgewood Mission" until such time that it would be formally organized into a church.

October 19, 1952, the mission had its first business meeting immediately after the morning worship service. J. C. Faucette, Jr. was elected Sunday School Superintendent; John Wilson, Secretary and Clerk; S. D. Faucette, Treasurer; Rachel Faucette, Pianist; Hilda Faucette, Assistant Pianist, Rev. W. Arnold Smith, Pastor and Moderator.

Rev. Wilkie succeeded in getting help from the State Missions Board to supplement the pastor's salary, the board paying \$100 per month and the Mission paying \$25 per week. The Mission also decided to begin worship service each Sunday evening at 7:00, and prayer meetings at 7:30 each Wednesday evening. Not having a pastor on the field to conduct mid-week prayer services, Rev. Wilkie asked the churches in the association to, from time to time, send someone to have these services, which they were very faithful in doing.



Some of the names cannot be remembered, but Mr. Henderson from Swepsonville, Mr. Ulmer, from Grove Park, and Mr. Wiggins from Kinnett Memorial are remembered as taking special interest and helping from time to time in the prayer meetings.

At the business meeting on December 14, 1952, the Edgewood Mission voted to accept the wooded lot on the new road just off Dodson Road (now no. 1949). This lot contained approximately two acres and it was offered by J. C. Faucette, Jr. and wife, Dorothy Webster Faucette, for a building site. In this meeting it was also voted to send \$7.50 per month to the cooperative program and \$2.50 per month to the Mt. Zion Association.

The first Baptismal service was planned for the first Sunday in January, 1953, at the Swepsonville Baptist church, sponsor of the Mission.

The financial statement at this time showed \$299 in the building fund and \$160 in the general fund. During the winter of 1952-53 many meetings were held regarding the financing of a building and the type of building needed. Many of the meetings were with the Missions Committee of the association and of the mother church (Swepsonville). The following laymen of the Mission were on the building committee: Dorothy Faucette, L. G. Lashley, Charlie Cates, S. D. Faucette, John Wilson. Another committee who worked hard that first year was the budget committee composed of: Leonard Allred, Lloyd Moore, S. D. Faucette, and John Wilson.

On February 15, 1953, the Mission had a ground breaking service on the lot at 2:30 P.M. J. C. Faucette, Jr. turned the first shovel of earth, then the pastor, and others.

At sunrise on Easter Sunday, 1953, the pastor and members stood in a circle on the spot where the new building was to be erected, for the Sunrise Service.

About this time, fifty "American Hymnal" song books were given to the Mission by J. C. Faucette, Jr. and wife in memory of Mrs. J. C. Faucette, Sr. and Mrs. Faucette's grandmother, Mrs. J. H. Mann of Graham. Also given to the Mission was a beautiful pulpit bible by S. D. Faucette and wife, Mable Dixon Faucette.

In June, 1952, the Mission had a daily vacation Bible school with approximately 25 in attendance. Miss Carolyn Fowler, a student summer worker, led this.

The permanent church, a building with a sanctuary on the first floor and basement with six class rooms and one assembly room, was begun in the summer of 1953. The association Builders Club pledged up to \$1000 on this building. The mother church, under the leadership of Rev. Charles Nanny, helped get a loan, and the balance of \$1500 required for the building was borrowed from members and friends for one year at no interest.

A certain young lady of the church decided about this time to get married, and she wanted to get married in the new church. The date of the wedding was set for October 3, 1953. With hardly the foundation laid, there began a race with time. October 3 arrived and so did the wedding party with the sanctuary finished and looking very pretty for the wedding of Rachael Faucette to Odell Mann.

On the last Sunday of September, 1953, the Mission had its first worship services in the new building. The basement was not completed but was usable for Sunday School classes. The men of the church were very faithful, working nights till all the class rooms were complete. This was homecoming day and the beginning of a second year.



When the congregation moved into the new church building, L. G. Lashley and wife gave a piano and pews, which were bought from Mt. Zion Christian church and refinished by men of Edgewood.

On November 8, 1953, at 2:30 P.M. Edgewood Mission was formally organized into a Baptist Church. The program was as follows:

Scripture and Prayer.....	Rev. J. O. Jeffcoat, Moore's Chapel
Statement of Reasons.....	Leon Henderson, Swepsonville
Reading of Resolutions.....	Rev. E. C. Chamblee, Grove Park
(1) Articles of Faith.....	Rev. Tom Freeman, Hocutt Memorial
(2) Church Covenant.....	Rev. Robert Branham, Haw River
Roll Call of Church.....	Rev. W. A. Smith, Edgewood
Signing of Resolution.....	Edgewood Members
Right hand of Fellowship.....	Council Members
Statement of Legal Matters.....	W. M. Williams, Swepsonville
Address of Dedication.....	Rev. E. C. Wilkie, Burlington
Hymn.....	Congregation
Prayer of Dedication.....	Dr. W. T. Smith, Mebane
Benediction.....	Rev. W. A. Poole, Graham

There was a full slate of officers and teachers, the first deacons being: S. D. Faucette, Wallace Bradshaw, Lloyd Moore, Charles Seger, and L. G. Lashley. The trustees were: Odell Mann, Charlie Cates, and Charles Seger. The budget adopted for the year 1953-54 was \$3,270.20. The Brotherhood was organized soon after the organization of the church and in December, 1953, a Woman's Missionary society was organized.

In March of 1954, the church felt it needed a pastor to live in the community, and the call to full-time pastorate was extended to the pastor, Rev. William Arnold Smith, but because of his work at the Baptist Hospital, Rev. Smith felt that he could not accept so he resigned as pastor in order that the church could call another minister. Rev. Wilkie preached on Easter Sunday and the Lord's Supper was observed. Rev. E. C. Wilkie and others filled the pulpit while the church was without a pastor.

The pulpit committee composed of: S. D. Faucette, L. G. Lashley, Inez Faucette and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Massey recommended that the church call Rev. R. D. Spear, Jr., who was that year graduating from Wake Forest College and pastoring two churches in the eastern part of the state. He was called and he accepted.

The church rented a home for the family and by the first of June, 1954, they had moved in and were ready for work.

In June, 1954, a Training Union was organized with the help of the associational Training Union Director, Dewey Gattis, and a group of his people from Hocutt Memorial Church. Inez Faucette was first director.

Soon after the pastor and his family were settled in their new home, the church had a revival with the pastor doing the preaching. Rev. Harry Byrd from Cane Creek Church was in charge of the music.

September 26, 1954 was again observed as Homecoming day. There was a birthday



cake with two candles.

The budget for the year 1954-55 was \$4,200. During this year the church continued to grow spiritually and in number. Study Courses were carried on by various groups. Some new beginnings in that year included the organization of Girls Auxiliary and Sunbeam Band, sponsored by the W. M. U., and Royal Ambassadors sponsored by The Brotherhood. To the building were added permanent steps and a belfry to house the bell given by Mr. and Mrs. Claud V. Comer. The Sam Faucette family gave a new pulpit stand in memory of his mother. Also, a nursery was added.

The total membership at the close of 1955 was 73, and the value of the church property was \$2,500.

Homecoming again marked the beginning of the fourth year in 1955-56. Rev. Tom Freeman from Hocutt Memorial preached in a revival. In that year, there were 23 baptisms and 12 coming by letter. Also, a well was drilled on the church property. A Vacation Bible school and a School of Missions were held during the year. The budget for the year was \$6,200, and beginning in January, 1956, the church became wholly self-supporting, all obligations were met on time, and more money was given to missions through the cooperative program than in any previous year.

The Woman's Missionary Union has led the church in the weeks of prayer for Foreign and Home missions each year since its organization.

The year closed with a total membership of 104.

In October, 1957, Edgewood Church participated in the Mebane Evangelistic Crusade which was carried on by members of the Billy Graham group. The R. A. Boys were divided into Junior R.A's and Intermediate R.A's.

The death of James Henry Lashley was the first death among church members. He was the oldest, and also, a charter member. He died March 25, 1958.

Rev. R. D. Spear, Jr. gave the church his resignation the first Sunday in April, 1958. The church was without a pastor till June 15, when the church, in conference, extended a call to the Rev. Virgil Allen Thompson from West Virginia, a student at the seminary at Wake Forest, N. C. Rev. Thompson accepted the call and he and his wife, the former Norene Bailey, moved on the field a few days later. Not long afterward, the pastor and his wife became the proud parents of a baby girl, Lynette Faith. On August 17, 1958, Rev. Thompson was ordained to the ministry at Edgewood. Also in August, the church choir was organized under the leadership of Yale Payne. A new mimeograph machine was added to the church office, and the constitution committee which had been working on this document completed its work and the document was adopted by the church.

Realizing Sunday School facilities were inadequate and the classes were "bursting out the seams", it was voted in April, 1959, to add a new wing to the present building. This would include a basement, six class rooms, a pastor's study, a nursery, two bathrooms and a drinking fountain on each floor, and the entire church was painted. This has been completed at a cost of \$9,500.



On June 28, 1959 ground-breaking services were held for the new educational wing to be built onto the church. The following day the contractors began the construction.

There had also been some discussion among the members of the church to purchase a building lot to construct a parsonage. The church discovered that a tract of land diagonally across the road from the church, which would be used for an ideal location for the parsonage, could be purchased from Mrs. E. B. Brigman, Sr. Adjoining the Brigman property was a tract of land belonging to Mr. W. H. Faucette. He agreed to give the church enough of his property to form a very nice lot with that which was purchased from Mrs. Brigman. On November 1, 1959 the church voted in conference to buy and accept the lot. The building, however, was not begun until July, 1960. The church contracted with Mr. Tommy Kale to build a five-room plus bath and hall brick veneer home with central heating. The kitchen was of modern design with built-in oven and cabinets.

In April of 1960 the Reverend V. A. Thompson resigned as pastor, thus terminating his services in May. The church secured the services of the Reverend Truman Smith of Southeastern Seminary as interim pastor. In July, 1960 the pulpit Committee recommended the Reverend Wallace Smarr to the church as pastor. Mr. Smarr, pastor of the Vass Baptist Church, Vass, N. C. and student at Southeastern Seminary, was called by the church in conference. He accepted the call, and he and his family moved on the church field in August, 1960. Until the parsonage was completed Mr. Smarr and his family lived in Mebane.

Since its beginning the church has shown consistent growth and now has a membership of one-hundred sixty-four. Also, it is happy to announce that it licensed one of its young men to preach the gospel in July, 1961, Mr. Charles MacDonald Moretz.









H I S T O R Y  
(1960)

FELLOWSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH

Route #1, Burlington, N. C.

Rev. J. M. Wright, Pastor

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Prepared  
By

W. E. Heath

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HISTORY  
Fellowship Baptist Church  
Route 1, Burlington, N. C.  
1960

Because of the apparent need for a new missionary Baptist Church in the area adjacent to the Alamance community, a group of twenty-three interested persons met on November 15, 1952, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Walker in Belmont for the purpose of organizing such a church. This group, with Rev. J. M. Wright acting as temporary chairman, voted to continue the work by organizing a new church and constructing a suitable building as soon as possible.

Those present were Rev. and Mrs. J. M. Wright, Lowell Wright, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Workman, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Wilson, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Homer Dowd, Mr. and Mrs. William Donaldson, Mr. and Mrs. Boyce Garner, Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Walker, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Birchett, Mr. and Mrs. Selma Biddy, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hudson, and Mrs. J. B. Bowman. Also present were the following children, Mike Biddy, Kenny Workman, Linda Hudson, H. C. Dowd, Billy Garner, and Peggy Bunton.

Mr. and Mrs. John A. Terrell offered the use of the basement rooms of their home as a meeting place until a building could be built. This offer was accepted by unanimous vote of the body, and on the following day, Sunday, November 16, 1952, regular meetings began in the Terrell basement. There were thirty persons present at this first worship.

On December 7, 1952, with forty-seven persons present, the group voted overwhelmingly from a large list of prospective names to call the church "Fellowship Baptist Church."

At the evening service on December 14, 1952, a council composed of pastors of churches of the Mount Zion Association met with the group to discuss the feasibility of organizing a new church in that vicinity. Leading the discussion was Rev. E. C. Wilkie, Association Missionary, and Rev. E. C. Chamblee, Chairman of Missions Committee for the Association. Guests were Rev. Clarence Hicks and Mr. E. G. Walker, adult Sunday School teacher at Belmont Baptist Church. On the advice of this council, the group voted to formally organize the Fellowship Baptist Church at 2:30 o'clock in the afternoon of Sunday, December 21, 1952.

At the morning service on December 21, the land committee, J. B. Bowman, chairman, recommended, and the group voted to purchase four acres of land the extension of Tucker Street, Burlington, adjoining the J. B. Bowman property and owned by V. M. Windham. Because of the nature of the purchase, Mr. Windham reduced his price from twelve hundred and fifty dollars to nine hundred and ninety dollars. Ninety dollars was paid for an option, and the balance was paid in two installments. The lot was later graded at a cost of one hundred dollars by George Loy.

At the time specified for the organization of church, December 21, 1952, at 2:30 o'clock in the evening, there were sixty-four persons present for the ceremonies. Rev. E. C. Wilkie was elected moderator for this meeting, Rev. Ralph A. Wilson read the Church Covenant, and Rev. Elmer Cates read the Articles of Faith. The newly formed church voted to adopt the Articles of Faith and the Church Covenant and confirmed the name of Fellowship Baptist Church. Rev. J. M. Wright called for church letters, and twenty-one letters were received and declared a church at twenty-three minutes past three o'clock on December 21, 1952.



The following church letters were presented: Rev. J. M. Wright, Mrs. J. M. Wright, Lowell Wright, Lee Wilson, Jr., Lavica Wilson, Mrs. J. B. Bowman, Theodore Bowman, Juanita Bowman, Richard Hudson, Sarah Hudson, William Donaldson, Regina Donaldson, Annie Mae Workman, Margaret Garner, Sexton Vestal, Izella Vestal, Mrs. E. C. Birchett, Calvin Walker, Homer Dowd, and Mr. and Mrs. Selma Biddy.

Rev. J. M. Wright was unanimously elected as Pastor, Mrs. Wayne Workman was elected church clerk, Homer Dowd, Richard Hudson, and Selma Biddy were elected as trustees, and Lee Wilson, Jr. was elected church treasurer.

Rev. Clyde Stanfield delivered the charge to the church. Other guest ministers present at these formal ceremonies were Rev. E. C. Wilkie, Rev. R. A. Wilson, Rev. E. C. Chamblee, Rev. V. D. Phillips, Rev. Wayne Curtis, and Rev. Elmer Cates.

By January 25, 1953, the closing date for charter membership, there had been added fourteen additional members. By letter they were Betty Vestal, Allyn Vestal, Mrs. Ben Brothers, and J. A. Terrell. By Baptism they were: Mrs. J. A. Terrell, Barbara Terrell, K. W. Donaldson, Mrs. K. W. Donaldson, Pandora Bowman, Doka Bowman, Sammy Bowman, Wayne Workman, Boyce Garner, and Ester Walker.

On February 2, 1953, a building committee consisting of K. W. Donaldson, William Donaldson, Lee Wilson, Jr., J. A. Terrell, Boyce Garner, Selma Biddy, and Allyn Vestal was elected to proceed with plans for a church building. Although there was a motion to hire labor and accept free labor, most of the actual work done on the construction of the building was done voluntarily by members of the church, and by June 14, 1953, the building was sub-floored, the outer walls were boarded up, and building paper and part of the roof had been applied.

And so, on the thirty-first Sunday after the group had first met to establish a new church, they moved into their own building without missing a single Sunday service.

Chairmen of the Board of Deacons through the years have been: 1953 and 1954, Richard Hudson; 1955 and 1956, K. W. Donaldson; 1957, W. E. Heath; 1958, H. B. Burden; 1959, William Donaldson.

Church officers in 1959 were pastor, Rev. J. M. Wright; treasurer, William Donaldson; clerk and pianist, Mrs. W. W. Donaldson; Sunday School superintendent and historian, W. E. Heath; choir director, Joyce Isley; brotherhood president, G. W. Evans; W. M. S. president, Mrs. J. M. Wright; trustees, K. W. Donaldson, W. E. Heath, and George King.

In August of 1955, the members built a raised platform and pulpit at the front of the auditorium. In April of 1956, they had cement poured in the basement, installed the plumbing and built four additional Sunday School rooms and two rest rooms in the basement. Also the W. M. S., through various fund-raising activities, presented the church an eight hundred and ninety-five dollar piano to replace the one loaned by Mrs. J. B. Bowman when the church moved into the new building. In September of 1956, the W. M. S. presented to the church 125 pieces of silverware. In October, 1957, the members had one hundred and ninety-three feet of driveway paved, and in January, 1959, they had the floors refinished and carpet laid in the main auditorium, and June, 1959, they had a circle drive cut and graveled and the front lot graded.



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Revivals were held in October, 1954, by Rev. Tom Freeman, pastor of Hocutt Memorial Baptist Church; October, 1955, and October, 1956, by Rev. Clyde Stanfield, pastor of Altamahaw Baptist Church, and in October, 1957, June, 1958, and October, 1959, by Rev. Bennett Walker, pastor of Deep Creek Baptist Church. During the seven years this church has been active, the membership has more than doubled, from thirty-five charter members to seventy-two members. There have been fifty-three conversions and Baptisms.







H I S T O R Y  
(1960)

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Alamance, N. C.

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Rev. R. E. Latta, Pastor

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**HISTORY**  
The First Baptist Church  
Alamance, N. C.  
1960

On February 25, 1938, a Baptist Church was organized for the first time in Alamance, at the home of Lake Edwards. At this organizational meeting, Allene Carter acted as clerk and Rev. G. W. Swinney served as moderator.

Prior to the formal organization, meetings were held at the homes of the charter members for a period of approximately four months.

The formation of the church was primarily the result of a revival meeting held by Rev. Howard Hunt of Denton, N. C., in the latter part of 1937, when several members were brought to Christ. While conducting this meeting in a tent, mention was made that a Baptist Church should be organized, and a short while later J. B. Foushee undertook to organize.

The first name of the church was Willow Springs Baptist Church. On or about December, 1941, the name was changed to Alamance Baptist Church, which was retained until April, 1953, when the present name was adopted.

Pastors of the church during its years of operation are as follows:

J. B. Foushee - Feb. 1938 to Oct. 1939  
J. H. Lackey - Nov. 1939 to Jun. 1945  
H. S. Branch - July 1945 to 1949  
J. M. Wright - Feb. 1949 to Nov. 1952  
R. E. Latta - Jan. 1953 to Present

Throughout the years since the church organized, as best as can be determined, the following is a listing of the major offices and those who have served:

Treasurer: Elvern Lambert, Mrs. George Johnson, Harvey James, and Bobby Miller.

Superintendents: Elvern Lambert, Lake Edwards, Harvey James, Bobby Miller, Ralph Faucette, and Larry Allred.

Clerks: Elvern Lambert, Virgil Fox, Mrs. Virgil Fox, Mrs. Mary Cannady, and Mrs. Judy Allred.

Deacons: Lake Edwards, Virgil Fox, Raymond Hinshaw, Elvern Lambert, Corbett Langley, Harvey James, James Cottle, George Johnson, William Jones, Ralph Faucette, and Ted Bowman.

The first property was a 1.07-acre tract donated by Mrs. Susan Cates, which was located on the Burlington-Alamance Road. On this site the first church was erected, at the intersection of the present Tucker Street, Extension and N. C. Highway 62. Erection of this building was started May 18, 1938, and completed February 18, 1939, at a cost of \$4000.00, and with an indebtedness of only \$875. During the administration of Rev. Lackey, Sunday School rooms were added. Pulpit furniture for the church was donated by Mrs. Allene Carter, and was in use for 21 years.

On December 1, 1946, the land occupied by the Elder home was purchased by the church, and the move was made to the new property on April 20, 1947. The cost for this property was \$20,000, of which \$3,000 was received from the sale of the old church, and \$3,000 was donated by Cliff Elder. At present, the church owns approximately 5 acres of land, with plenty of room for expansion and off-street parking.



In July, 1953, construction was started on the church parsonage, which was completed in October, 1953, at a cost of \$13,000. At that time, the building was occupied by the present pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. Robert Latta.

In May, 1955, the church began a long-range building program, which was to include several educational buildings and a sanctuary. The first building was completed by the men of the church in November, 1955, and consisted of four classrooms and a temporary auditorium which would later be converted into classrooms. In November, 1957, the second educational building was completed, consisting of three classrooms, a large nursery, and two restrooms. Again, most of the work was done by the men of the church. They worked day and night, digging, pouring concrete, building walls and roof, laying tile, installing lights, building pews, and painting. The church has many skilled workers, who donated their talents.

In the fall of 1959, construction of a beautiful new auditorium was begun, to be completed in the spring of 1960. This building is of contemporary design, constructed of concrete, masonry, and glass, with a seating capacity of nearly 500 people. Upon completion of this building, the church property will total more than \$100,000.

Men who have served on these building committees are:

Chairmen: William Jones, Allyn Vestal, and Ted Bowman

Committee members: Virgil Fox, William Johnson, H. L. James, James Cottle, George Johnson, Larry Allred, Bobby Miller, Ralph Faucette, and P. J. Coble.

The present membership of the church is 190, with over 200 enrolled in Sunday School. The charter members of the church were as follows: E. L. Lambert, Lake Edwards, Virgil Fox, Mrs. Mollie James, Mrs. Susan Cates, Mrs. Richard M. Burke, Mrs. E. L. Lambert, Mrs. Lake Edwards, Mrs. Virgil Fox, Mrs. Daisy McLendon, Mrs. J. B. Foushee, Rev. J. B. Foushee, and Leonard McLendon.

Since June of 1954, the church has increased its missionary giving from \$60 per year to over \$2,000 last year. In addition to its contributions to many benevolent causes, the church supports two foreign missionaries under Baptist Mid-Missions: Rev. and Mrs. J. Benton Bell, in the Belgian Congo, and Rev. and Mrs. Raymond Creer, in Japan.

In January of 1959, the church sponsored a mission church in the area between Glen Raven and Ossipee. Tony Branson, a member of the home church, was ordained to the ministry to serve as pastor of the mission. The new work made such growth that in October of 1959, it was organized into an independent Baptist church, now known as the Northminster Baptist Church.

The First Baptist Church of Alamance, N. C., is incorporated under the laws of the state of North Carolina for the purpose of preaching and teaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ, carrying on the work of a Missionary Baptist Church, and promoting the spiritual welfare of all people. To this end, three religious services are conducted on Sunday, a midweek service is conducted on Wednesday evening, and many special services are held throughout the year.







H I S T O R Y

First Baptist Church

1901-1960

Of

Mebane, N. C.

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Rev. B. G. Bass, Pastor

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Prepared  
By

Clyde Gardner

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HISTORY  
First Baptist Church  
Mebane, N. C.  
1960

The First Baptist Church of Mebane was organized in the public school building in Mebane on July 5, 1901. There were 21 persons present, and each became a charter member.

These included Rev. L. N. Chappell, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Johnson, Miss Mattie E. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Forrest, Mrs. T. H. Fowler, Mr. L. Puryear, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Kanoy, Miss Bessie Kancy, Mrs. M. F. Smith, Miss Fannie V. Smith, Mrs. J. M. Rimmer, Mrs. H. B. Long, Mrs. W. Kirkpatrick, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Lancaster, Mrs. M. E. Scott, Mrs. Alice Christopher, and Miss Mary M. Kirkpatrick.

Rev. Chappell was called as the first pastor, W. J. Lancaster was elected as the first clerk and J. L. Johnson and L. Puryear were elected as deacons.

For the next six years the church met in various places. Included was a store building on Center Street, no longer standing. Occasionally services were held in the school building, and for about one year the congregation rented the Presbyterian Church building. It is interesting to note that the rental paid was \$13.28.

Between 1903 and 1906 the church almost died, but in 1906 a reorganization took place. At this time Rev. S. W. Oldham, pastor of First Baptist Church of Graham, was called as supply pastor. The present church lot, at the corner of Third and Jackson Streets, was purchased a little later for \$100.00, and in 1907, the first permanent building of the church was constructed.

Three other important milestones in the church's history were passed in 1907. In that year the church was received into the Mt. Zion Baptist Association, reporting 30 members and gifts totaling \$956.32. The first Sunday School of the church was organized with E. B. Oldham as superintendent and W. C. Cate as secretary and treasurer. Mr. and Mrs. Cate had joined the church in 1906 and in 1959 were its oldest members, Mr. Cate being one of the life-time deacons of the church. It was also in 1907 that the first Woman's Missionary Union of the church was organized.

The church has been affiliated with the Mt. Zion Association, the N. C. Baptist State Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention since 1907. In all the years of its history Mebane's First Baptist Church has been intimately related with the whole Baptist program, supporting Missions, Christian Education, etc., through cooperation with these other Baptist bodies. It received help itself from the Baptist State Mission Board off and on through the early years, but became permanently self-supporting in 1919.

The church building was destroyed by fire in 1928, and the present educational plant was built on the same lot in that year. The present building was completed and entered on July 11, 1948. This church plant is now valued at more than \$150,000.00, and it consists of 35 rooms used for Sunday School purposes, plus a beautiful and spacious air conditioned auditorium. The church has a modern, well-equipped kitchen for use in social gatherings, and the building is wired for sound and is equipped to use all the modern audio-visual aids.

Sixteen men have served the church as pastor through the past half century, and four have served as interim pastors. Each of these men in his own way has contributed greatly to the spiritual welfare and growth of the church and community.



The man who served the church longest was the late A. C. Hamby, pastor for 14 years, ending with his death in 1942. Mr. Hamby served in one of the most difficult times in the history of the church as the nation was experiencing a crippling depression and the church was heavily in debt for the educational plant which had been built in 1928. It was due to his leadership that the church was able to weather the storm of this critical period. Mr. Hamby's widow and two of his children are still active members of the church. The esteem held by the congregation for Mr. and Mrs. Hamby is shown by the fact that the great rear window of the sanctuary, 20 feet high by more than 12 wide, was dedicated to them and bears a bronze plaque to that effect.

The First Baptist Church of Mebane was the first pastorate of J. C. Canipe, who is the director of Fruitland Institute at Hendersonville, a former state secretary of Evangelism for the State Baptist Convention and a former president of the State Baptist Convention. L. H. Hollingsworth who is chaplain of Wake Forest College, and a past president of the Executive Board of the State Baptist Convention also served the Mebane Church as pastor for six and one-half years from 1946 to 1952.

The pastor in 1959 was Clarke A. Wiseman. He came to Mebane from Whaleyville, Virginia and assumed his duties on April 16, 1958.

Many of the records of the church have been lost, by the fire and through the confusion of the many moves that have had to be made. There are no figures available which would indicate how many members have been received, by baptisms during the last 59 years but figures for the last five show 122 baptisms. The church has sent four young men into the Christian ministry, including A. V. and Jack Ray, Willard Smith and Houston Raynor. From 21 charter members on July 5, 1901 to 568 members of 1959 the church has shown a steady growth.







H I S T O R Y

GLEN HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH  
(1961)

Burlington, N. C.

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Rev. G. W. Swinney, Pastor

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Prepared By

Rev. G. W. Swinney  
and  
Mrs. Winfred Overman



## HISTORY

### GLEN HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH Burlington, N. C.

In the year 1924, the late Martin W. Buck, pastor of First Baptist Church, Burlington, N. C. visited the Burlington Mills community, then being settled by families arriving from various parts of the state, but mostly from Gastonia from where the mills had been removed in the mid-summer of that year.

In the spring of 1925 the Ham-Ramsey Evangelistic Party conducted a series of meetings in a specially constructed tabernacle in Burlington. This resulted in arousing the interest of the people for meeting the religious needs of the community. In June of that same year, Robert Councilman, a ministerial student, at that time assisting the Rev. Buck in summer work, was asked to take a religious census. The result was that some forty Baptist were found living in the community.

The first meeting for the congregation was held in the Park Cassino in Spoon's Park, and the congregation continued to meet in homes, in the Glen Hope School building, in the store building owned by the late Dr. C. E. Spoon and the home of Mr. Frank Ingle; then to a Tabernacle type building, the first church building, at the corner of Graham Street and Beaumont Avenue.

Early leaders of the church included the late Rev. Martin W. Buck, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Burlington and the Rev. G. W. Swinney.

It should be noted that in the beginning of the church development the Burlington Mills units of the area closed down and a large number of people left, the church organization being disbanded from its early start. The Rev. G. W. Swinney, now pastor, came to the area on September 13, 1927 and reorganized the work.

Mrs. C. K. Bunton is the only charter member who is still a member of the church.

The first organization that was formed first called the church, The Burlington Mills Baptist Church, but later changed to Glen Hope Baptist Church in keeping with the Glen Hope Elementary School name in the same community.

The Tabernacle, a small frame building, at the corner of Graham Street and Beaumont Avenue, was built on a lot donated by the late Junius H. Harden. The church is now built on a lot donated by Burlington Mills.

At the time the church was organized, there were no street lights, the mud streets were almost impassable. The condition of the community, morally speaking, had given it the names of "Little Chicago" and "New Mexico" due to the fact that the people were migratory--coming and going constantly, and the church became as a lighthouse set in the midst of darkness, as some described it.

When the Rev. Swinney was called as pastor, and re-organized the work, there were 48 who joined by letter, statement or Baptism. The present enrollment is 1,062 with a Sunday School enrollment of 961. The Eastlawn Mission, sponsored by the church, has an enrollment of 125 with a Sunday School enrollment of 255.

In 1931 the first brick building was constructed on the lot at the corner of Graham Street and North Avenue and in 1936 it was enlarged in order to take



care of the large congregation. In 1949 the building was destroyed by fire. An educational building was being constructed at the time of the fire and the congregation met in the City Hall and in Calvary Episcopal Church in the community until the basement of the educational building was completed. This basement auditorium was used until the new sanctuary was completed in July of 1950.

Since moving into the new church in July of 1950, a new pastorium has been erected on Beaumont Avenue and the church has purchased six houses and lots. The houses have been moved to make parking space, giving a whole block from Graham Street to Parker Street and from North Avenue to Deleware Avenue for this purpose. The buildings and property are valued at \$335,000.00.

The contributions of the church to the community have been numerous. A lot was purchased in 1959, in the Alamance Hills Section of the city, on Sellars Mill Road, at a cost of \$21,700.00. The lot is approximately 3 acres in size and had a modern four room house on it which is being used as a pastorium for the mission pastor. In March of 1960 the Mission met for the first services in the Armory building. In November of 1960 the first services were held in the new building on Sellars Mill Road. The building is a contemporary brick structure and is the latest design in church architecture. A chapel and educational building were completed and furnished with a property value of \$125,000.00. The Mission is known as the Eastlawn Baptist Mission and the chapel has been named "The George W. Swinney Chapel" in honor of the present pastor. A large oil painting of Rev. Swinney was hung in the foyer of the chapel.

The staff other than the Rev. Swinney includes: The Rev. Jack Clark, Associate Pastor and Mission Pastor; Mrs. Winfred Overman, who joined the staff in 1945 as Educational Director and Church Secretary; O. C. Sheppard who is in charge of maintenance; Lonnie Rhodes, Choir Director; and Shelton Hammock in charge of maintenance at the mission.

The church has 2 missionaries, Rev. and Mrs. Robert Frazier serving in the Netherlands and New Guinea. There have been 19 ordained ministers and 2 lay preachers now serving in North Carolina, Texas, Georgia, and Kentucky. Two students are now preparing for the ministry--Donald Swinney, a student at Campbell College and son of Rev. and Mrs. G. W. Swinney, and D. W. Smith, who is doing preparatory work prior to entering college. D. W. is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Smith and the husband of Doris Holden Smith.

Rev. Swinney is the only pastor the church has had, having served since 1927.

The Board of Trustees includes: J. S. Fulcher, W. H. Callahan, C. W. Oakes, W. B. McLean, F. B. Canady, L. H. Rhodes and F. F. Fuqua. C. Granville Byrd and Raymond Campbell were in charge of the construction of the Eastlawn Baptist Mission building.

The stained glass windows in both the church and the mission were given as memorials or in honor of various people and are so marked with bronze plaques.

Equipment for the church includes: A Baldwin No. 10 electronic organ and Cathedral Chimes presented to the church in September of 1950 by Mrs. James Lee Love and Burlington Industries, in memory of the late James Lee Love, a founder of Burlington Mills. The church also has a fully equipped radio room and broadcasts are made directly from the church. The auditorium is air conditioned.









H I S T O R Y  
(1935-1962)

GLEN RAVEN BAPTIST CHURCH

Glen Raven, North Carolina

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Rev. Coy L. Thompson, Pastor

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Prepared By

Harvey A. Walker

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HISTORY  
GLEN RAVEN BAPTIST CHURCH

The Glen Raven Baptist Church was organized in 1935 through the efforts of a cottage prayer band in the village of Glen Raven, North Carolina. The Rev. E. T. Bailey was leader of the prayer band so he became its first pastor, with approximately 5 charter members. The only remaining charter members at the church are: Mrs. Della Ant, Mrs. Vaden Hensley, Mrs. Ethel Hill, and Mrs. Rosa Dennam.

The congregation purchased a small lot in the village and built the church, a small one-room building. Rev. Bailey remained the pastor for five years. Then the church called its present pastor, Rev. Coy L. Thompson.

Through the years since the church organized, as best as can be determined, the following is a list of the major offices and those who served:

Treasurer: Perry Sipes, R. R. Wright, and Buck Mitchel.

Church Clerk: Perry Sipes, Walter Craddock, Alma Mae Greene, Lonnie Thompson, Buck Mitchel, and Harvey Walker.

Sunday School Superintendent: Perry Sipes, R. R. Wright, Lawrence Crutchfield, Lonnie Thompson, and Harvey Walker.

Choir Leader: Mr. Cozart, Elma Kelly, A. C. Starling, and Lawrence Crutchfield.

Deacons: Perry Sipes, H. Hensley, Edgar Barber, Troy Barbee, Woody Thomas, N. B. Thomas, R. R. Wright, W. A. Black, W. M. Fergerson, Buck Mitchel, Lonnie Thompson, Harvey Walker, W. A. Satterfield, Roy Ashley, Woodrow Ward, Ray Hoke, Clyde Atkins, and A. C. Starling.

Under the leadership of Rev. Thompson, the church began to grow to the extent that it needed more room. Seven Sunday School rooms were added and the sanctuary was enlarged to about twice its size; a new central heating system was installed; and new piano and pulpit furniture replaced the old furniture.

In addition to the pastor the church has two people on its payroll.

One man, Rev. A. C. Starling, has gone out from the church to become a full-time pastor. Rev. Starling is pastor of New Hope Baptist Church

Mr. Lawrence Crutchfield and Mr. Harvey Walker, along with Mr. Donald Walton and Mr. Ray Hoke have served faithfully as laymen of the church assisting the pastor



on several occasions. Mr. Walker also serves on the Executive Committee of the Mt. Zion Baptist Association along with the pastor.

Expenditures have reached an all time high in 1961 of \$12,530.00 compared to about \$1,000.00 in 1935.

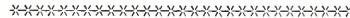
The church purchased a house and lot adjoining the church property to enlarge the parking lot. Extensive work has been done on the outside of the church and the church grounds, improving the lawn and parking area; also sidewalks were laid.

The membership has grown from the original 25 to over 160.

New pews were added in 1960; many were purchased by church members and friends in honor or in memory of loved ones.

The church is debt free.

The Glen Raven Baptist Church is a member of the Mt. Zion Baptist Association of North Carolina and a member of the Southern Baptist Convention. Its main purpose is to preach and teach the gospel of JESUS CHRIST, carrying on the work of a missionary Baptist church, and promoting the spiritual welfare of all people. To this end, three religious services are conducted each week. At least two revivals are held each year.









H I S T O R Y

GROVE PARK BAPTIST CHURCH

Burlington, N. C.  
1960

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REV. TRAVIS STYLES, PASTOR

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HISTORY  
Grove Park Baptist Church  
Burlington, N. C.  
1960

The idea of the establishment of the Grove Park Baptist Church was born in the heart of God and transferred into the lives of some thoughtful Christians who were members of the First Baptist Church. Under the leadership of their pastor, Rev. A. D. Kinnett, this "mission minded" group located a part of the present tract of land occupied by this church and purchased it in 1943.

On September 26, 1943, 89 residents of the area gathered for the first organizational meeting. Rev. Kinnett preached the first sermon and Rev. T. J. Tribble became the pastor of the mission.

On August 1, 1944, Rev. Ronald Rice was called to become the pastor. He led the church well during the early years of organization and development until 1948. During these years under his leadership a full program of activities was begun, a building program was developed, and many souls were added to the fellowship.

On December 30, 1945, the mission became a church. Fifty-five persons became charter members of the new church, which was named Grove Park Baptist Church.

Because of growth, the church added wings to the building and purchased additional adjoining property during this busy era. The greatest advancement continued to be in the realm of the spiritual as many souls were added each year by conversion as well as transfer of membership from other churches.

In 1947 the influence of this church increased beyond the bounds of its own community as it became a member of the Mt. Zion Baptist Association, the North Carolina Baptist Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention, which reaches into areas the world over. This church has constantly remained an active member of these organizations.

Rev. E. C. Chamblee from Wilmington, N. C., was called as pastor on September 19, 1948. His coming followed a six-month period in which the church had been without a pastor. During the interim the church built a pastorum on an adjoining lot, at an approximate cost of \$10,000.00. It was during that time that Rev. S. L. Morgan was the supply pastor, serving until Mr. Chamblee came on the field.

By 1953 the church had licensed two outstanding laymen to become ministers of the gospel. Others had volunteered their lives to fulltime service for Christ.

Rev. Chamblee offered his resignation on July 10, 1955.

During the months that followed, successful revivals were held, the debt on the pastorum was paid, and a new financial system was accepted that pointed toward the beginning of a new church building.

The present pastor, Travis Styles, accepted the call to become the pastor on January 1, 1956. He began his ministry with the church on January 24.

A building committee was elected March 25, 1956, to study plans and offer a program to the church. On August 26 of that year the church accepted the recommendation of this committee that a three-phase building program be adopted. Plans were made to begin immediately and construction on the first unit was completed and ready for occupancy on June 1, 1957.



A completely new educational system was adopted as the new church was occupied. A graded system of training was used by all age groups, and it was under this system that the Grove Park Baptist Church Sunday School became the first Standard Sunday School in the Mt. Zion Association.

With an enrollment of over 500 in the Sunday School program, the church saw the need to begin the second phase of the educational unit, and its construction was begun in September, 1960.

The church continues to be in a very strategic location and with new homes being built continuously, the church understands the great responsibility of reaching these people for Christ.

Today the church has a full program of activities for every age group. Regular services are held twice each Sunday and on Wednesday evenings. There are three staff members plus a minister of music who supervises five graded choirs. The church has an annual budget of \$50,000.00 for 1960, and hopes to construct the third phase, the sanctuary, within the next few years. There are at present 416 members including 32 non-resident.









H I S T O R Y

HICO BAPTIST CHURCH  
(1962)  
Highway #87

Rfd.-Graham, North Carolina



Rev. Larry L. Evans, Pastor





## HISTORY

### HICO BAPTIST CHURCH

Hico Baptist Church held its first meeting in an empty dwelling house across the road in front of the present structure in the year of 1950.

The first pastor of the church was Rev. R. B. Ramsey and there were approximately 15 charter members.

The church got its name from the name of the community itself--"Hico."

The land on which the church is located was donated by D. A. Rumbley. The present structure was built in 1950 with the labor being donated by local members.

The membership has grown from 15 members on the charter list to 91 active and inactive members in 1960. Also during this period a new wing was added to the church in 1959, following the addition of a new heating system in 1958. Also added in 1959 were new pews, an attic fan, and the refinishing of floors.

Among the services rendered by the church beyond those to its own congregation in the community was the founding of the Marshall Street Baptist Church in Graham.

R. B. Ramsey, the first pastor, served until March 10, 1957, at which time Rev. Curtis V. Oakley became pastor.

One of the noticeable links missing in the program of the church was that very few records have been maintained during the years of its service; however, Rev. Curtis Oakley, the present pastor, has attempted to bring this information up to date.

Rev. Oakley resigned as pastor of Hico Baptist Church in May, 1960. In July of 1960 Rev. Larry L. Evans was called as pastor.

In July of 1961 the church auditorium was extended 20 feet with an additional seating capacity of 100 seats. This building and remodeling program was completed in twelve months, the materials for which cost \$3000. The local members contributed their time and labor.

We hope the church will continue to grow as it has in its short history. We are looking forward to a new auditorium sometime in the not too distant future. Since its beginning, the Hico Baptist Church has shown consistent growth and now has a membership of 145.



H I S T O R Y  
HOCUTT MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH  
BURLINGTON, N. C.

1913 - 1963

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Rev. Ben W. Cox, Pastor

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## H I S T O R Y

### HOCUTT MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH

BURLINGTON, NORTH CAROLINA

In 1912 the Executive Committee of the Mount Zion Baptist Association engaged Rev. John C. Hocutt, Pastor of the Graham Baptist Church, to devote one Sunday each month to mission work in west Burlington. He conducted prayer meetings and had preaching services, visiting also in the homes of the Baptists in the area. But when only the initial steps had been taken, he passed away on August 4, 1912. The minutes of the 1912 session of the Mount Zion Association tell of his work and of the action of the Association in naming a committee to solicit funds to build a church in west Burlington as a memorial to him.

Rev. James W. Rose, who succeeded Mr. Hocutt as the pastor of the Graham Church, entered also into his labors in west Burlington, and it was under his ministry that the Church was established.

The first definite step was the organization of the Sunday School, which had its beginning in a small wooden structure on Staley Street at Adams Avenue. The building had formerly been a store and was owned by the firm of Smith and Qualls. The Sunday School was launched on Sunday, January 5, 1913, when fifty-one members were enrolled. The officers of the new Sunday School were as follows: Superintendent, Walter M. Williams; Assistant Superintendent, J. L. Underwood; Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. Mamie Scott (Boone); Organist, Miss Rosa Patterson; Sexton, Thomas E. Allen; Primary Teacher, Miss Mattie Patillo; Junior Teacher, Miss Fannie Williamson, Intermediate Teacher, George D. Smith; Bible Class Teacher, Mr. Deareman, with Mr. Jesse Holt, Assistant.

This Sunday School grew so much that by September 30 there were 136 enrolled, and they had averaged 67 present each Sunday since its first day.

The organization of the Hocutt Memorial Baptist Church took place on Friday night, March 7, 1913. It was sponsored by the Mount Zion Baptist Association, and the organizing presbytery consisted of Rev. M. P. Davis, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Association, Rev. James W. Rose, pastor of the Graham Church, and Deacon Jesse Holt of the First Baptist Church of Burlington. The clerk was William D. Knott. Twenty-three persons presented church letters and entered into the organization. When the doors of the Church were opened, Miss Pauline Stebbins asked to be received on the promise of a letter and was received. These first twenty-four members were the following: Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Allen, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Askew, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Knott, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Foster, Miss Alma Knott (Huffman), Mrs. A. C. Stebbins, Miss Pauline Stebbins, Mrs. Annie E. Williamson, Miss Fannie Williamson, Mrs. Mamie Scott (Boone), Miss Lula Copeland, Miss Kate Copeland, Miss Myrtle Copeland (Now Allison), Miss Annie Copeland, Mr. W. V. Copeland, Mrs. Bettie Loy (Whitt), Mrs. Elizabeth Oakley, Miss Nan Traylor, Mr. N. G. B. Stansell, and Miss Virginia Williamson.

Eight others joined this group before the year of 1913 closed. They were: Miss Beanie Stebbins, Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Winningham, Mrs. R. L. Boyd, Mr. Jesse Holt, Mr. Walter M. Williams, Prof. V. Wilson, and Miss Lala Patterson.

At the time of the organization of the church there were only 6 Baptist churches in Alamance County, with an aggregate membership of 721, though the population of the county was near 25,000.



Rev. James W. Rose was called to serve as the first pastor, holding services one Sunday each month, at a salary of \$50 per year. Mr. W. D. Knott was elected clerk and Mr. T. E. Allen treasurer. Three trustees were elected: Jesse Holt, J. F. Askew and T. E. Allen. The election of deacons was postponed due to the lack of male members possessing qualifications at the time. Later the church elected Jesse Holt, I. F. Meacham and Walter M. Williams to serve as deacons.

Following the organization of the church, the lot and building used for the services were purchased for \$1,115 from the firm of Smith and Qualls. A baptistery and two classrooms were later added, and a reed organ and a few song books, along with slat benches completed the equipment. By the close of the second year the church had become strong enough to have preaching two Sundays each month, and the need for growing room was evident. A building committee was appointed and the property mortgaged to secure funds for the project. The building was turned around and remodeled into a neat structure with a well-arranged auditorium. The Ladies' Aid Society was formed about this time and helped raise funds for the remodeling.

The first revival in the church was conducted by Rev. G. H. Church, of Statesville, and added eight to the membership. The second revival was conducted by Rev. J. C. Owen, of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, and added twenty-five members to the church. Although Rev. Martin W. Buck, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Burlington, opposed the organization of the church in 1913, the relations between the two churches were cordial, and it was Mrs. Buck who led in organization of the Woman's Missionary Society in the church a few years later, a move that marked the demise of the Ladies' Aid.

In September, 1916, Mr. Rose resigned as pastor, and was succeeded by Rev. W. R. Davis, who served the church from February to September, 1917, when he left to enter the Seminary for further training. Rev. L. U. Weston, of Mooresville, served as pastor from October, 1917 to February, 1919. During this period the church added N. A. Gregg, A. R. Gattis, and T. E. Allen to the deaconate. The church grew and became much stronger during this period.

It was at this time that the church appealed to the Home Mission Board for help in providing a full-time pastor. Since the progress of the church was commendable and gave promise of continued growth, the Board agreed to contribute \$450 annually toward the salary of a resident pastor who was to do some mission work in the mill village of Glencoe. The offer was accepted, and in May, 1919, Rev. W. H. Dodd came from Mocksville to be the first resident pastor, but served only eight months. During this period two of the present organizations of the church were started. Mrs. Walter M. Williams organized the Young Woman's Auxiliary, and Mr. Jerry A. Webster started the Baptist Young People's Union, which later became the Baptist Training Union. It became an integral part of the church in 1926. Mr. C. D. Gattis, a charter member of the Training Union, has been a key figure in its operation and success for thirty-four years. A piano, given by Mr. and Mrs. Walter M. Williams, replaced the old reed organ about this time.

Rev. Forrest C. Feezor, a student at Wake Forest College became pastor in February, 1920, and served until September, when he entered the Seminary. Though he was called as a supply pastor, he served the church as long as his predecessor had served. His forceful preaching and personal work greatly strengthened the church and added a number of members.

The coming of Rev. E. C. Dean as pastor in October, 1920, marks a turning point in the history of the church. After this the church made a rapid series of



substantial advances. The church became self-supporting, and later on assumed the salary of a Foreign Missionary, Rev. Manly W. Rankin, who served in China.

There were 561 additions to the church during these nine years, with 304 coming by baptism, and the membership of the church growing from 102 to 460. Missionary giving reached the pre-depression peak of \$4,670 in 1928. Also during this period two houses were built and equipped for use by the growing Sunday School, which was averaging 300 in attendance. The school was graded through the Junior Department.

Upon Mr. Dean's resignation in July, 1929, the church was fortunate in securing Dr. A. J. Fristoe, of Franklin, Virginia, as supply pastor during the fall months. The church called Dr. William K. McGee as pastor, and Dr. Fristoe led the congregation in keen anticipation of Dr. McGee's coming in January, 1930. During this period the Sunday School had an enlargement campaign, and a house by the church building was rented from M. Walter M. Williams as additional room for our growing Sunday School.

Dr. McGee served from January, 1930 until July, 1935, during which time the church weathered the economic depression which deeply affected the country. Retrenchment was necessary in much of the work, but the work went on. Dr. McGee led the church to place the Biblical Recorder, our State Baptist Paper, in the homes of 70% of our members, and he began the Vacation Bible School, which has been held each summer since 1930. Another Sunday School cottage was built to provide for continued growth.

Three outstanding events marked the closing months of Dr. McGee's pastorate. In January, 1935, the congregation voted to have roll call day and enlist as many tithers as possible to pledge to tithe for three months. This resulted in 151 members pledging to tithe their incomes. Then in April Dr. Zeno Wall, of Shelby, preached in a Revival Meeting, which resulted in 55 additions to the church, 39 coming by baptism. On June 9th the church voted to purchase the property on the northwest corner of Logan and Staley Streets, to be used as a site for a new building. The cost of this property, 200 by 166 feet, was \$1,200.

Dr. McGee left in July to assume his pastorate of the First Baptist Church of Thomasville, and for several months the church used supply preachers, Rev. C. D. Barton serving in October and November.

Rev. W. O. Kersey, of Radford, Virginia, became the pastor on December 8, 1935 and served until March, 1938, during which time funds were being raised for the building of the new building.

In April, 1938, the church extended a call to Rev. A. P. Stephens, of Morehead City, and he accepted the call and began his ministry here in June. He had the distinction of being called twice by the church. He was first extended a call in September, 1935, but declined it. His pastorate was characterized by expansion of buildings and enlarging of membership of the church. In June, 1938, the church purchased a lot on West Front Street and erected a Pastor's Home, the cost being \$8,895. Donations of \$2832 were made on this project by several firms and persons who furnished materials and labor.

In December, 1938 the church elected committees on design and finance of a new building, with Walter M. Williams chairman of the committee on design and C. M. Euliss chairman of the committee on finance. The location of the new building caused considerable discussion. On May 28, 1939, the church debated a recommendation that the Dr. Faucette corner on West Front and Peel Streets be purchased as a location



for the new building. The lot was 100 by 610 and the price was \$8,500. The decision was to reject the recommendation, and in September the church voted to build on the lot already owned by the church.

In December, 1939, the church employed Miss Kathryn Martin as Director of Education, and she served until June, 1940. In April, 1940 the contract for the new auditorium was let at a cost of over \$26,000. The total cost, including equipment was about \$ 40,000. In September, 1940, the church borrowed \$11,000 for use in completing payment for the building. By the close of 1942 this had been repaid, and the mortgage was burned on Sunday, January 3, 1943.

In August, 1941, Miss Lydia Piner, of New Bern, was employed as Educational Director, serving until June, 1942. Miss Virginia Lisk served from June until October, 1942. It was during this period that a chapel was begun in the Brookwood development, a store building on Trail 7. On Sunday, September 7, 1942, there were 50 persons present for the beginning of the Sunday School. In October, 1943, a lot on West Davis Street was purchased for the Brookwood Mission, and in April 1945, Rev. Guthrie Colvard was called as pastor of the Mission. In September, 1945, the church approved the organization of Brookwood Chapel into a Baptist Church, and in October of that year granted letters to 30 members who entered the new church.

The years 1942-45 were difficult for the church due to so many of the youth going into military service, and many others going to defense areas to work. Service flags were displayed and the church kept in as close touch as possible with the service men. It was in June, 1945 that the church was given a set of carillonic Bells by Mr. William L. Rudd and others of his family as a memorial to the late Mr. and Mrs. Wm. F. Rudd and Alice K. Rudd. The bells have been a source of inspiration to the people.

In December the church appointed a committee to select and purchase a pipe organ, naming W. Bowman Sanders chairman of the committee. It was in the spring of 1948 that the organ was installed at a total cost of \$11,000. Visual aid equipment was purchased in 1947 and has proved helpful to the church.

The pastorate of Mr. Stephens came to a close in June, 1947, after nine years of faithful service. He left a beautiful auditorium and \$25,000 in funds to be used in building an educational addition, as well as a new church, Brookwood, organized and operating successfully.

The church was without a regular pastor from June until November, using many supply preachers, among them Rev. S. W. Oldham, of Star, who served faithfully and well. On Sunday, October 5, the church extended a call to Rev. Tom M. Freeman, and he began his pastorate on November 5th.

Soon after the coming of Mr. Freeman, the church raised the remainder of the organ funds, and in May, 1948 the organ was dedicated. On June 27, 1948, the church had a ground-breaking ceremony and began the erection of the Educational Building. Mr. John B. Hocutt, son of the man for whom the Church is named, moved the first spade of earth, and the second was turned by Mr. Walter M. Williams, first Sunday School Superintendent. The building, a three-story brick structure with 40 rooms, cost \$85,000 to build, and was paid for and dedicated early in 1952. The church borrowed \$27,500 to aid in the building, and repaid the loan in less than three years.

The entering of the new education building on April 3, 1949 marked a definite turning point in the life of the church. The Sunday School and Training Union have made rapid advances since having sufficient room for growth. The entering of the new



building was celebrated with an attendance of 608 in Sunday School and 244 in Training Union. These records were surpassed on Sunday, March 3, 1952, when 624 were present in Sunday School and 248 in Training Union.

Miss Mary Ellen Ellis, of Atlanta, Georgia, served as Educational Director from April, 1948 to January, 1950. During her service the church began publication of a weekly church paper entitled FORWARD. This paper has helped in a great measure to keep the members informed concerning the church and its activities. Also during this period the church launched a radio ministry. At first we had a 30-minute broadcast each Thursday night over Station WBBB-FM. But on the first Sunday in October in 1948 the church began broadcasting the Sunday Evening Worship over Station WFNS-FM, which has proved a great blessing to shut-ins and others unable to attend church services, and also valuable missionary outreach of the church.

The original building, a remodeled store, was given to the City Lake Baptist Church, at Hopedale, and was torn down and moved to their location in the early fall of 1949. In addition to the building, the pews and hymnbooks, and later on the old communion set, were all given to this new and struggling church. A new brick scout building was erected in 1952.

Mrs. W. R. Sinclair served as Church Secretary from January, 1950 until July, 1951. Mrs. Erwin Hodge was Church Secretary during the summer and fall of 1951, and Miss Jane Boone came to serve in this capacity, a position which she is still filling on a part-time basis. In March, 1952, Miss Doris Morgan accepted a call as Educational Director of the church, coming from a similar position with the First Baptist church of Fairmont.

The first five months of the present associational year, October, 1952 through February, 1953, have seen new records written into the history of the church. Sunday School enrollment is 100 above the same period a year ago, with over 850 enrolled, including Cradle Roll and Extension Departments. The average attendance for five months is 452. The Training Union now has 328 enrolled and has averaged 195 present for the past five months. The Woman's Missionary Union has nine circles of the Missionary Society and also each of the organizations for the young people: Young Woman's Auxiliary, Girl's Auxiliary, Royal Ambassadors, and Sunbeam Band. Our Brotherhood has 60 men enrolled and is doing splendid work. The scout Troop also is in its best condition for a number of years.

Missionary Offerings are at an all-time high. Last year the church gave \$16,000 to missions, and for the past five months the missionary giving has averaged \$400 per week. The church launched a new venture in 1951 when a College scholarship, valued at \$700, was given to Miss Faye Leach. Each year the church plans to give a scholarship to one of its members who is graduating from high school, based on merit, need, and Christian character.

The latest forward step was taken on Sunday, February 22, 1953, when the church elected a Building Committee with a view to building an addition to the education building.

"Hitherto hath the Lord helped us." 1 Samuel 7:12.





On November 24, 1953, the following messengers were elected to attend the Baptist State Convention to be held at the First Baptist Church in Greensboro: Mrs. E. C. Wilkie, J. R. Tew, Jim Quinlin, H. K. Mullis, R. M. Noble, H. E. Hines, and Miss Doris Morgan.

On March 28, 1954, the Permanent Building Committee elected by the church recommended to the church that the plans for the new addition to the Sunday School be placed in the hands of an architect for consideration.

On May 23, a new phase of service came into existence for Hocutt Memorial Baptist Church when Robert E. Watson of Roanoke Rapids, a rising senior at Wake Forest College, was employed as summer worker. His coming was a blessing as he directed the church choir, supplied pulpit needs, assisted with Vacation Bible School and worked with young people in Sunday School and Training Union.

Also on May 23 of this year, our church voted to purchase the C. D. Hill property immediately joining our church on Logan Street. This year proved to be a time of advancement for our people, for C. M. Euliss, chairman of the building committee reported to the church, as a recommendation, the plans for a new educational plant to be built by O. G. Thompson for the sum of \$80,045.00.

On August 29, 1954, following worship service, the following officers were elected by the church to direct phases of the work: C. D. Gattis, Training Union Director, H. E. Hines, Sunday School Superintendent. On October 3, the following budget was adopted: Salaries, \$15,321; Promotion, \$4,855; Maintenance, \$3,425; Miscellaneous and Benevolences, \$12,290; Building Fund, \$1500; total church budget, \$50,791; total Sunday School budget, \$8,605. A few days later, on October 17, the board of deacons recommended that pastor Tom M. Freeman be given a leave of absence from May 28, 1955 through July 28, 1955 to tour the Holy Land. Our church sent a check for \$500 as our share of the cost of constructing a home for the Associational missionary off Highway 54 east of Graham, this money to come from our regular missionary fund. We find that at this time our offering for missions is ahead of the usual average.

On December 19 following the morning service, everyone had an opportunity to place his Christmas offering on the altar in appreciation of the pastor, and to support his expenses on the study tour of the Holy Land and attending the World Alliance in London next summer.

1955: On March 6, our people held a cornerstone laying in keeping with the 42nd Anniversary of our founding on March 7, 1913. A record in attendance was set with 808 present to hear special music by the Mars Hill College Choir and a special sermon delivered by Pastor Freeman. There were 23 members when the church was organized and today the membership is 952.

On May 15, we held the formal opening of the new educational annex at 2:30 in the afternoon with the public inspecting the building, escorted by officers and teachers who showed them through the rooms. Only a short time later, on May 25, Miss LaMonna Gattis replaced Mrs. Julian Burroughs as music director for the summer months and Miss Shirley Cox replaced Jerry Lowder as church organist. Miss Doris Morgan was voted as representative to be sent from our church to the Southern Baptist Convention in Miami.

Also on May 25, our pastor left for a 62 day tour of the Holy Land with the Rev. Garland A. Hendricks of Southeastern Seminary serving our people as a supply



pastor. During youth week, Gail Elliot was awarded the scholarship given by the Scholarship Committee of the church. During the year, there have been 73 additions to the church roll.

1956: In January an extensive renovation and painting program was done to the ground floor of the educational building so that it can be used henceforth by young people and young adults rather than the children who are in new quarters. On April 18 it was recommended that Paul Scott, Jr. be ordained in Hocutt Memorial Church to fill the pastorate at Glencoe Baptist Church.

An extensive repair work was done to repair belfry, roof shingles, the bell tower, choir robe rooms, etc. On August 5 the annual homecoming was held with the Rev. A. P. Stephens, former pastor, delivering the morning sermon with 601 in attendance and 577 in Sunday School. The evening service and Training Union, held together, was attended by 303.

Senior deacons elected to serve until 1959 are: C. C. Hinton, C. H. Hall, H. E. Hines, W. F. Walker, Ethan Allen and Hugh Payne. The total church budget for the year was set at \$56,946 with the Sunday School budget set at \$8,845. During the year there were 62 additions to the church, bringing the membership to 1007.

1957: A motion was passed on March 24, 1957 that our church employees be covered with social security benefits and that an Evangelism Committee be elected to serve with the pastor. The church voted on July 28 for Pastor Tom M. Freeman to help with an evangelistic crusade in the Matanzas Province of Cuba November 18-24, sponsored by the Baptists of that area.

On September 15 a motion was passed stating that the church select men by ballot to serve as deacons and that the 12 men receiving the highest number of votes be voted on at a later date, with the 6 receiving the majority being elected. \$415 was re-entered in the church budget to be applied toward the high school Bible teacher's salary.

Herley Cates, Lloyd Davidson, Nolen Wooten and Rupert Pate were elected by ballot to serve as Senior Deacons for 3 years. During 1957, we had 66 additions to the church, along with 37 losses of membership.

1958: Our people were saddened on February 2 when Rev. Freeman read his resignation to the church to become pastor of Middle River Baptist Church in Baltimore, Maryland after 11 years of service at Hocutt Memorial Baptist Church.

On July 16 at our regular quarterly conference reports were given by the Church Clerk, Treasurer, Sunday School Treasurer, Sunday School Secretary, Training Union Director, Building Fund Treasurer, W. M. U. President, Brotherhood President, Boy Scouts Leader, and R. A. Counselor.

In August H. G. Meacham was elected Sunday School Superintendent and C. D. Gattis as Training Union Director. These were days that began to prove our ability as Christians, for we were without a pastor to guide us. On October 12 the proposed church budget of \$57,040 was presented to the church.

During the year, there were 19 additions to our church membership with 36 losses, making our church membership 1,018.



1959: All during the first part of this year the people of Hocutt Memorial were without a resident pastor, and Dr. Edward McDowell, Professor of New Testament Interpretation, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, filled the pulpit, serving as our dedicated and cooperative pastor.

However, on April 12, 1959, things were beginning to open up for us, because at this time a motion was made by Jack Euliss and seconded by A. D. Williams that the recommendation of the pulpit committee be accepted--that the congregation call Rev. Ben W. Cox of Princeton, West Virginia. Mr. Cox came to us and preached his initial sermon on the first Sunday of June, 1959, coming as a blessing to our entire church body and congregation. The installation service was held on June 7 for Rev. Cox.

It was on May 3, 1959, that our church voted to license Jesse J. Croom to preach. He is enrolled at Wake Forest College and will this fall enter for study of the full-time ministry. The resignation of Doris Morgan, Educational Director, was read. Miss Morgan, who has served with our church for several years, will be with the State Training Union Department in Raleigh. On May 31, she was replaced by Miss Nina Wheeley.

On July 29 a motion was made and carried that our church would go along with the decision of the First Baptist Church and Northside on the location for a mission in Alamance Hills and Town and Country area.

In December 1959, we had 1006 members on roll.

1960: A forward step was taken for the convenience and comfort of our church members on March 27, 1960 when it was voted to pave the entire parking lot adjacent to the church building. Three months later 300 copies of the new standard Baptist Hymnal were added to our church to increase the beauty and efficiency of our musical program.

On September 7, at a congregational business meeting the matter of electing deacons was discussed. The church voted to follow this procedure: each church member was to nominate six men from the church membership by ballot and the twelve men receiving the highest number of votes would be declared nominated. On the following Sunday, these twelve names would appear on a ballot and the church membership would be asked to vote for six. The six receiving the highest number of votes would be declared elected for a three year term of Senior Deacon.

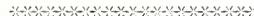
Senior Deacons elected by this method on September 25 were: C. C. Hinton, H. G. Meacham, W. P. Walker, Sr., C. H. Hall, C. D. Gattis, Sr., and H. K. Dowdy.

August 14 marked a high day of thanksgiving among the Hocutt Memorial people, for on this date the note for \$60,000 was burned. It was also Homecoming Day.

On Sunday, August 28, the church was called into conference and the Personnel Committee recommended to the church that we extend a call to Mr. Douglas Farmer to become our Educational Director with his accepting the call on Sunday, Sept. 11, 1960.

Hugh Payne was elected to serve the unexpired term of Deacon George Tickle, deceased, and Harold Grant was elected to fill the unexpired term of Jr. Deacon H. K. Dowdy who had been elected a Senior deacon.

Budget adopted - \$65,339.92 with 1012 members on roll.









H I S T O R Y  
KINNETT MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH  
1961

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Rev. Charles L. McMillan, Pastor

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HISTORY  
Kinnett Memorial Baptist Church  
Burlington, N. C.  
1960

During the mid 1930's, a group of laymen, members of the First Baptist Church of Burlington, became interested in making their own Christian experience more practical, and in sharing that which had been given them in their experiences with Christ. Thus, they sought an outlet, and found it in the southeastern section of the city.

At that time, that particular area was made up largely of a transient population, being in the main the property of the Aurora Cotton Mill, or of the Holt Estate. Since there were quite a number of Baptists and Baptist preferences living in the area, these laymen began cottage prayer meetings, almost weekly meeting in one home or another within the section.

Members of the First Baptist Church began to take notice of the interest, and themselves became interested in the movement which was gaining in its impetus. Thus, under the direction of Rev. A. D. Kinnett, then pastor of that church, a committee was set up to study the situation, and to bring recommendations at the proper time with regard to some permanent religious work in the area. C. L. Shoffner, then living near to the section in question, and a deacon of the First Baptist Church, was chosen as chairman of that committee. On March 12, 1939, a meeting was held to determine the disposition of the growing work in what had already come to be known as the southside area. It was decided that a mission should be established with Sunday School beginning at once.

That Sunday School actually began on April 2, 1939, with R. J. Lackey the first Sunday School superintendent. The organization was to meet each Sunday afternoon at 2:30, which it did until April of 1944. One problem faced immediately was that of a suitable meeting place, and this need was met with the use of a five-room dwelling facing Fix Street at the corner of Morehead. Its owner rented to the First Baptist Church this structure for such a purpose, and Sunday School was begun. It was soon discovered, however, that a larger space than an ordinary-size room was needed if there was to be anything more than a mere meeting of individual classes. W. Issac Terrell, now pastor of the First Baptist Church of Ahoskie, N. C., went with another of the interested group to get permission to take a partition from between the two rooms on the front of the house, thus giving space for a small assembly room, or for larger gatherings for prayer services.

This permission granted, O. D. Moore, now pastor of the North Main Street Baptist Church of Jacksonville, Florida, with a friend, went to work, and doubled the size of the general assembly room. This became the first sanctuary for worship services.

It was not long until weekly prayer services were begun. Then, in January, 1940, J. H. Waugh, Jr., then a student at Elon College, was asked to assume the responsibility for a weekly worship service on each Sunday evening. Thus, Waugh became the mission pastor, and continued his work with the mission until September of that same year, when he left to enter the Southern Baptist Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky. Rev. D. B. Tritt was then called to the work, serving until May, 1941, when Waugh was recalled to work with the growing mission during the summer months. Waugh left again in September, 1941, for the Seminary, and T. J. Tribble was called upon to assume the duties of the mission work. Ably Tribble continued the work until the latter part of October in 1943. On the first Sunday of November, 1943, Waugh once again assumed responsibility for the work in the Southside community.



During these years, there were several things of importance and of permanent value to take place. There were several leaders who must not be overlooked in the recalling of the history of the Kinnett Memorial Baptist Church. First of all, there are those men who rallied the people of the community to Bible study in the Sunday School. As has been stated, R. J. Lackey was the first of the superintendents. Then, H. L. Hamilton, prominent in both church and business circles of our city, assumed the responsibility. Following him, E. G. Lewis took the post, and when the United States Government called him into the service of the country, L. E. Curl became the Superintendent of the Sunday School.

During the summer of 1940, Miss Tennala Abner, now Mrs. Jack Gross whose husband is the pastor of the Baptist Church in Marshall, N. C., worked with the young people as their director of activities. Miss Oda Webster, now Mrs. Foster Speirs of Miami, Fla. organized the juniors into a Baptist Training Union, and did much to inspire not only these juniors, but youngsters in general to greater heights of Christian service.

With such leadership and inspiration, the Sunday School kept enlarging with additional classes, Training Unions were organized, and Girls' Auxiliaries were formed.

On April 2, 1944, the mission became a constituted Baptist Church. The organizational service was held at 2:30 in the afternoon, with the Rev. A. D. Kinnett, pastor of the First Baptist Church, and under whose leadership the mission had grown, presiding.

Officers were duly elected - M.T. Lambert as first chairman of deacons, J. A. Kennedy as first church clerk, L. E. Curl as first Sunday School superintendent, W. J. Wiggins, chairman of trustees, M. T. Lambert as treasurer, and Mrs. M. T. Lambert as financial secretary. J. H. Waugh, Jr., was called as first pastor of the newly organized church, a service he still performs. The new church adopted a budget of \$3,120.00, and during the first year gave to all causes \$5,332.00.

This organizational meeting took place in the five-room structure to which reference has earlier been made. That structure and the lot upon which it stood was presented by the First Baptist Church to the congregation of the Southside Baptist Church. Looking to the future, the First Church had also purchased some lots just across Morehead Street, a part of the Turrentine estate. This property upon which the meeting house stood, and the assumption of the indebtedness on the Turrentine estate property, the Southside Baptist Church could boast of something like \$3,500 to \$4,000 worth of property.

With the nucleus of 66 charter members, the young church began its growth. Space for meeting was increasingly a problem. Soon, with the tearing out of more partitions and the erection of additional rooms to the rear of the building, that problem was partially met. But as additional units were added to the organization, additional meeting places were necessary. Homes began to open their doors to Sunday School classes, with B. E. Sink and J. Hamilton Wiggins being among the first to sense and meet this need. It was evident, however, that more than the opening of homes was essential, and so on November 6, 1945, a building fund was instituted, and a building committee chosen.

W. J. Wiggins was the first chairman of this committee, which later had to be dissolved because of some who moved away, and a smaller committee, under the leadership of M. G. Wilson was selected. The many attempts to secure loans for building purposes were failures because the new church had nothing to offer as securities.



But with generous members and friends of the church giving regularly, and with some special building fund drives along the way, the Southside Baptist Church moved into a new educational plant in September of 1949. Mention must be made of the generous help received from the First Baptist Church which gave \$5,000 over a period of five years, and to the five laymen of that church who made it possible to secure a loan necessary to the completion of the building - R. Homer Andrews, John A. Bailey, Ramsey Cammack, L. W. Phillips, and W. E. Patillo.

Also the Department of State Missions of the North Carolina Baptist Convention gave the new church an amount of \$1,000, to be applied mainly on the purchase of the property. Many others, whose names would comprise a great deal of space, really should have honorable mention. Mrs. J. H. Waugh, Jr., served as the first Secretary of Building Fund.

Soon after entering the new building, a group under the leadership of Mrs. W. J. Wiggins, who had served on the original missions committee and who was a charter member of the church, became interested in furnishing the church with nice pulpit furniture. Such a gift was presented in December of that year.

Early in the 1950's, the idea of a playground and recreational facilities for church recreation took fire, and such became a reality. Back in 1949, eleven junior boys had met with J. Hamilton Wiggins and had organized a Chapter of Royal Ambassadors, then a boy's auxiliary to the Woman's Missionary Union. One of the features of the Royal Ambassador program was recreation. And though there was ample space for playground and recreational facilities, nothing had been developed along this line. For several years, the idea had been gradually coming to the top. But early in the 1950's, J. J. Howe, then leader of the Royal Ambassadors, having worked on the project quietly both within and without the church membership announced a G-Day. Upon this day, the church membership was to get together; the men were to plant the grass on the lawn space back of the building, and the women were to have supper prepared in picnic style right there.

All were to attend the midweek prayer service following. The idea went over, the lawn was prepared, and before long there was standing upon that back lot which had been in weeds and brush a covering of green grass decorated with swings, acting bars, and slides, for the children.

It was in 1953 that the work had grown to such proportions as to require the services of a part-time church secretary. Miss Yvonne Buff, then a student in the Elon College commercial department and member of the Southside Baptist Church, was employed. Yvonne worked in this capacity until her work at the college demanded so much of her time that she was forced to give it up. Upon her leaving the position, the church secured the services of Mrs. Joyce Wilson Perry who still works as part-time secretary.

It was on January 3, 1954, that the name of the church was changed from the Southside Baptist Church to the Kinnett Memorial Baptist Church. Rev. A. D. Kinnett, who had been the pastor of the First Baptist Church of Burlington, had been actively zealous for missions during his whole ministry here in the city. He had sensed the need of the area in which the church had its beginnings, and had been the guiding spirit back of the development of the organization. The latter years of his earthly life had been given to the establishment of churches. Out of gratitude for the man and his consecrated Christian life and ministry, the people of what was then the Southside Baptist Church decided to memorialize his name by naming our church for him. Thus, in a special morning service on January 3, 1954, this change was effected. Present at the service were Mrs. A. D. Kinnett and the two children, Albert and Nancy.



The Kinnett Memorial Church was still experiencing growing pains. Never had the congregation had the privilege of worshipping in a sanctuary planned and set apart just for that purpose. Worship services had been held in a large assembly room within the educational plant, a room used for Sunday School assemblies, and other group meetings of various kinds. It had been built sufficiently large for worship purposes, but the people had long wanted a more worshipful sanctuary. So plans were instigated to reach that goal. Dates were set for the retirement of the debt upon which the people had been paying, and plans were under way for the erection of another building. A building committee was organized and commissioned to make plans for the new structure. Marvin G. Wilson was chairman of this committee, and under his leadership, plans were effected. Struggling with financing the project, the debt was finally paid, leaving the way clear for the new work to begin. In November of 1954, the foundation was dug, and in June, 1955, the congregation of Kinnett Memorial Baptist Church met in its new sanctuary.

All this time, the people of the church had been renting a home for their pastor. Now came the conviction that the church should erect its own pastorium. So again they began a building program. Under the leadership of J. J. Howe, elected chairman of the parsonage-building committee, plans were adopted, and in July, 1956, work on the pasto-riuum began. The pastor and his family moved into this new home in September, 1956--a brand new house equivalent to an eight-room structure.

It is interesting to note the progress made during these years with reference to properties. Beginning in a small five-room home on a lot furnished by the first Baptist Church, the church's property grew in evaluation from something like \$3,500 to 4,000 in 1944, at the time of the **constitution** of the church, to a value of something like \$100,000 by 1956.

But other things had been happening during these years, too. Some very important personality-development was taking place, and these personalities were to make their marks upon not only the church itself, but other areas of the land. In 1951, the church ordained Earl Harden, son of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Harden, to the ministry. Earl has held several pastorates in the state.

Miss Julia Alford, while a student at Wake Forest College, served with our Home Mission Board as summer worker for two different seasons, serving first among the French-speaking people of Louisiana, and then among the Indians in Oklahoma. Julia completed her undergraduate work at Wake Forest College, studied at Emory University in Georgia, and then went abroad on a Fullbright scholarship. She is now teaching English in William-Jewel Baptist College of Missouri.

Miss Vera McNeill, while a student at Campbell Junior College, served with our Home Mission Board, doing Vacation Bible School work during a summer in Jacksonville, Florida, and is now teaching in the public schools of New Orleans, Louisiana. Before beginning her work as teacher, Vera completed her theological training at the New Orleans Baptist Seminary.

Larry Williams, now a ministerial student at the Southeastern Baptist Seminary at Wake Forest, N. C., was licensed as a minister by the Kinnett Memorial Baptist Church. Completing his work at Wake Forest College, Larry served as Youth Director for one summer at the First Baptist Church of Burlington.

During the summer following his first year at the Seminary, Larry worked with the First Baptist Church of Petersburg, Virginia. Nor can we forget Jerry Robertson who starred as a basketball player at Duke University, and is now teaching



at the E. M. Holt public school here in Alamance County.

Nor has the ministry of music been neglected. Back in September of 1952, Mrs. E. C. Wilkie, wife of the Missionary to the Mt. Zion Baptist Association, became our director of music. Of course, she was not the first, for up to that time, W. B. Webster, R. L. Miller, Delbert Durham, and A. C. Bridges had served as song leaders in the church. But Mrs. E. C. Wilkie was the first to introduce our people to the idea of a trained choir. Miss Vera McNeill served as director of music for a summer. Then Delbert Durham assumed for the second time the duties as director of our choir. In November, 1958, Mrs. Walker Hunter was called by the church to take the responsibility of the ministry of music.

Believing that reading has a great place in the growth of Christian character, the Kinnett Memorial Baptist Church established its library in May, 1957, with Mrs. Marshall Gentry as librarian. Mrs. Gentry has served as librarian from its beginning until the present. The library was established in memorial to W. B. Webster who for some time before his death had talked of the need of such a ministry. Upon his departure from this earthly life, some of the children made a donation with the request that if the church could see fit to do so, the library become a reality. On the inside of the library door is the little plaque which reads "in memory of W. B. Webster."

There have been three life-time deacons in the history of the church. W. J. Wiggins was the first of these. Then the church elected W. B. Webster. At the death of Mr. Webster, R. L. Miller, who still holds the honor, was chosen.

At present there are two memorials at the Kinnett Memorial Baptist Church. The Bible which always takes its place on the speaker's stand in the sanctuary was given in memory of W. J. Wiggins. The furnishings in the church office were given in memory of A. T. Kemp.

At time of this writing, the membership has grown from that charter group of 66 to approximately 380. The budget for the current year is above the \$20,000 mark. Of this amount, something like \$3,000 will go to missionary causes supported by the Baptists of the state and the south.

Rev. J. H. Waugh, author of this history, resigned on December 1, 1960 to go into full-time evangelistic work, having faithfully served as pastor of Kinnett Memorial Baptist Church for 17 years. The present pastor is Rev. Charles L. McMillan who assumed his duties as pastor on April 23, 1961.









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MOORE'S CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH OF  
SAXAPAHAW, N. C.

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By

David F. Pittman, Pastor

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HISTORY  
Moore's Chapel Baptist Church of  
Saxapahaw, N. C.

"Early Developments"

On Tuesday night after the first Sunday in September, 1873, J. H. Vernon, Missionary of the Mount Zion Association, held the first recorded meeting of what later became Moore's Chapel Baptist Church. The first meeting was held at the Moore's School House near Saxapahaw.

Mr. Vernon preached at night and, even during fodder pulling time, he reported good congregations. There were several Baptists in the community belonging to four Baptist churches eight to twelve miles away. Some of them wanted to organize, but others thought it would weaken the home churches. However, the missionary thought the time was right.

In April, 1874, Cane Creek Baptist Church authorized Chesley Moore and E. F. Freeman to sit with the missionary and Green Moore, Jesse Winingham, W. C. Moore and G. C. Guthrie at Moore's School House in a church conference to receive and baptize members into the fellowship of the Cane Creek Church. On April 7, 1878 Moore's Chapel Baptist Church was constituted at Moore's School House by Elder R. A. Patterson and Samuel Baldwin. The church began with 33 members from Cane Creek, Mount Olive, Antioch, and Mount Gilead Baptist Churches.

Chesley Moore, Green Moore, and G. C. Guthrie were the first deacons with J. H. Winingham serving as the first clerk of the church. R. A. Patterson was called as the first pastor. A church covenant was adopted and very shortly the church joined the Mount Zion Baptist Association.

Chesley and Green Moore donated the land for the first church building which was completed in 1880 at a cost of \$767.52. Columbus Durham of the First Baptist Church of Durham preached the dedication sermon on the text "I must be about my Father's business."

Associational and other denominational meetings have always been well attended by this church and throughout its history contributions have been made to foreign and home missions and to the orphanage supported by North Carolina Baptists. In 1899 the church paid the expenses (3.50) of the pastor to the Baptist State Convention in Asheville.

In 1913 a discussion concerning moving the church to the village of Saxapahaw was begun. There was a great deal of discussion and some misunderstanding relating to the move. Nevertheless, finally, in 1921, a deed for a lot was secured and in 1924, during the pastorate of C. E. Byrd, the present church house was built. Money was very scarce and the members were unable to complete their sanctuary as they wanted it. Through the years the women saved money received from selling eggs collected on Sunday and used it for such things as wiring the church house. As they could, others contributed dimes and dollars in order that chairs and other needed equipment could be purchased.

"More Recent Developments"

When Moore's Chapel Baptist Church was organized in 1878, there were only 33 members, but during the first ten years the membership almost tripled. However, in the next ten-year period there was a rather rapid decline and even through the early twenties, there was little change in the picture. In 1898 there were only 64 members and at one time the membership declined almost to the number of members it had in the



first year of its history. Many things contributed to the decline. The pastors, though good men, lived many miles from the church. Wages were low in the mill and mill workers often moved. Sunday School was held only during warm weather when members of other denominations could serve as officers and teachers.

However in 1925, under the pastorate of B. F. DeLoach, 33 were baptized at one time, raising the membership to 95, and the church took on new life. In 1940 the membership had reached 192 and membership in 1959 reached 251, including both resident and non-resident members. The most significant increase in membership came in the ten-year period between 1934 and 1943. In 1934 the membership was 102 and by 1943 it had more than doubled, standing at 210.

Financially, the church also has had an interesting development. The pastor's salary in 1880 was approximately \$100. In 1904 it was only \$75 annually. In 1930 it was \$200 and preaching was only on one or two Sundays per month. In 1945 the church voted to become a full time church with a pastor's annual salary of \$1,560. From that point on, the church experienced a rapid increase in giving. In 1947 the total gifts for a year were \$7,156.54 and by 1958, only ten years later, they had almost doubled. Gifts in 1958 totaled \$13,386, including a pastor's salary of \$4,680, and of the total, approximately 25 per cent went to missions.

Relative to the building program of the church, there has been much progress made for a church of this size. As previously stated, the first building was erected in 1880 at a cost of \$767.52 on the site of the present Moore's Chapel Cemetery. In 1924 the congregation occupied the present building in Saxapahaw, and in 1940 a small addition was added to the rear of the auditorium for use by the Sunday School. This addition was torn down when the new educational building was erected in 1956 - 57.

The educational building is a modern structure consisting of assembly rooms, class rooms, a nursery, a well-equipped kitchen, a pastor's study and rest rooms. The building was completed at a cost of approximately \$20,000. A pastor's home was erected in 1946 - 47, and is an eight-room home valued at approximately \$15,000.

The church has two paid employees, the pastor and the custodian.

The Moore's Chapel Cemetery is now under the supervision of the Moore's Chapel and Saxapahaw Methodist Memorial Association.

One former pastor of the church, Rev. J.O.Jeffcoat, is now serving as a missionary to Alaska under the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. Rev. David F. Pittman, pastor in 1959, did graduate study at the Hartford School of Religious Education in Hartford, Conn. in preparation for appointment as a foreign missionary.

#### "Pastors of Moore's Chapel Baptist Church"

##### Years of Service

1878-1881	R. A. Patterson	Deceased
1881-1888	R. A. Moore	Deceased
1888-1892	O. T. Edwards	Deceased
1893-1895	J. L. Smith	Deceased
1896-1902	J. S. Watson	Deceased
1902	J. F. McDuffie	Deceased
1903-1904	A. C. Hamby	Deceased
1905-1906	N. H. Shepherd	Deceased



Years of  
Service

1907-1912	R. N. Lineberry	Deceased
1913-1915	W. T. Hurst	Retired, Pittsboro, N. C.
1915	R. P. Ellington	Deceased
1917-1919	L. R. Dixon	Deceased
1920	Spurgeon Glosson	Retired, Moncure, N. C.
1921-1924	C. E. Byrd	Retired, Apex, N. C.
1925-1926	B. F. DeLoach	Deceased
1927-1929	B. L. Gupton	Retired, Greensboro, N. C.
1931	Bryant Carr	Pastor in Matthews, N. C.
1932-1933	W. L. Lynch	Dean of Students, Mars Hill College
1934-1940	G. G. Grubb	Deceased
1941-1942	Issac Terrell	Pastor, First Baptist Church, Ahoskie, N. C.
1944-1945	H. S. Branch (First full-time pastor)	
1945-1952	Carl H. Henderson	Deceased
1952-1955	J. O. Jeffcoat	Missionary in Alaska
1955-1959	David F. Pittman	Graduate Student, Hartford, Conn.







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NORTHSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH

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Rev. Robert L. Councilman,  
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HISTORY  
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At 9:45 A. M. on May 6, 1951, the first meeting of Northside Baptist Mission, sponsored by the Burlington First Church, was held in a small, white building on Homewood Avenue. This building was so constructed that it could easily be converted into an apartment dwelling in the event that the Chapel should be unsuccessful.

Sunday School was organized that day, with 19 members and 6 visitors - a total of 25 persons present. Following Sunday School, 24 people attended the worship service. Rev. John Lambert, as Associational Missionary for the Mt. Zion Association, served as supply pastor until January, 1952.

In the summer of 1951, the first Vacation Bible School was held from June 18 through June 22. There was an enrollment of 40 pupils, 19 faculty members, and an average attendance of 52.

In September of that year, the women of Northside organized as a circle of the Woman's Missionary Union of the First Baptist Church, with 9 members.

Rev. Robert L. Councilman was appointed pastor of the Chapel in January, 1952, by the mother church. Immediately after his appointment, Sunday night worship services were begun, followed by the Wednesday praise and prayer meetings.

On January 5, 1952, the Girls Auxiliary was formed with 4 members and their counselor. Then on April 18, 1952, the choir was organized with 15 members, a pianist, and the director.

June 15, 1952 marked the first meeting of the Baptist Training Union of Northside, made up of three departments with 32 members.

September, 1952 saw the beginning of the Sunbeam Bands with 10 members and their counselor, followed in October by the organization of the Junior Choir for boys and girls of Junior and primary ages. There were 20 charter members in this choir.

The Building and Grounds Committee was appointed in the spring of 1953, and May marked another anniversary, commemorated with the opening of the Church Library which consisted of 92 books.

Revival services were held again in October, 1953, led by Associational Missionary E. C. Wilkie. October also marked the beginning of the Y. W. A., the missionary auxiliary for young women, who organized with 6 members and their counselor.

In the fall of 1953 came many developments in preparation for the time when Northside would become a church. Through secret ballot, the Chapel voted in December to approve the election by First Church of 4 members of the Chapel to the office of Deacon. On December 27, 1953, these men were ordained at the First Baptist Church and they took office on January 1, 1954.

A church clerk also was elected, and it was decided to observe the Lord's Supper on the first Sunday in every quarter, and to have a quarterly business meeting.

The Young People's Department of Training Union was begun in January, 1954, with 8 members and a sponsor, and the highlight of February was the beginning of the Brotherhood organization for the men with 16 members.



On September 5, 1954, Northside Baptist Chapel was organized into Northside Baptist Church at 2:30 P. M. Special services were conducted with Dr. Carlton S. Prickett, pastor of First Church, presiding. Other guests present were E. C. Wilkie, the Associational Missionary, and Dr. Clyde Chapman, Moderator of Mt. Zion Association. There were 73 charter members of Northside Baptist Church present.

Plans were made immediately for the addition of a new wing to the church which was running out of space. The Building Committee was authorized to proceed at once with construction of the new addition, to be done under the supervision of John Bailey. The building was to be financed according to the Scriptural Plan, with all money received by the church treasury in excess of \$100.00, which was considered necessary for operating expenses, and 25 per cent which was set aside for missions, to be credited to the Building Fund. This building was to be completed for the sum of \$8,000.

October, 1954, saw the beginning of construction, with completion in January, 1955. In the second quarter after becoming a church, 15 members had been gained in Sunday School, 9 members in the choir, 12 in the W.M.U., 8 in Training Union and 20 had been added to the church roll, making a total of 93 members of Northside Baptist Church. Also 58 new books had been added to the library.

On October 1, 1955, the church set up a rotating system for the deacons - two going off the board every year with two new ones being added. However, after a period of a one-year absence from the board, those who had been replaced could be re-elected to the board by a majority vote of the church. At this time the church felt that 6 deacons were needed to assist the pastor with the work of the church.

Even before the building debt of \$8,000.00 for the new wing was completely paid, it was found the church was overflowing and needed another addition as soon as possible. The Building Committee studied the long range needs for a new building. There was a drastic need for more Sunday School class rooms, as well as a larger auditorium for worship services.

During the last quarter of 1955 the church had increased in growth. Thirty-three new members had been added to the Sunday School for a total of 186 on roll, and 15 new members in Training Union caused the addition of one new department and one new union. This made a total of 71 on roll. The Woman's Missionary Union reported 12 new members giving them a total of 46, and the Brotherhood was also growing with an enrollment of 26, adding 3 new members. Seventeen new members were added to the youth organizations. The men of the Brotherhood were helping with the care of the church and lawn as there was no janitor for this work.

In January, 1956, the church voted to set aside 40 per cent of the regular church income to be added to the Building Fund. Plans were being completed for the new addition and this was to be financed by the Scriptural Plan of giving also. As in the past, no special drive was made to solicit contributions or pledges in or outside the membership of the church, but rather emphasized more earnestly the Spiritual growth of the church.

On March 4, 1956, the pastor announced that the debt had been paid completely for the first addition, and the \$8,000.00 note was burned.

In May, 1956, Rowland Crowder, Architectural consultant of the Baptist Sunday School Board, had been contacted and asked for immediate consideration because of the urgent need and for a suggested plan of construction for the new building to be sent as soon as possible.



On November 15, 1956 the architect had completed the specifications and working plans for the new addition and these were approved and submitted to all contractors whose names were suggested by members of the church. The low bids were approved as follows:

General Construction	\$ 61,506.00
Plumbing	2,597.00
Heating	4,135.00
Electric Wiring	<u>4,889.00</u>
	\$ 73,127.00

The total loan value on the property and proposed building would be about \$50,000.00 which meant that to complete the building and the essential equipment, \$25,000.00 more would be needed.

In February 1957, the First Federal Savings and Loan Association agreed to a loan of \$50,000.00 on the condition that the church secure the balance of the contractor's price on the building, or a total of \$23,127.00. The First Baptist Church gave \$5,000.00 and the remainder was secured through personal loans by the members of the church.

Work began immediately on March 9, 1957.

March 10, 1957, was a very special day for the people at Northside Baptist Church. The first Coronation Service of the Girl's Auxiliary was held with 23 girls receiving recognition. Two queens were crowned and Miss Elizabeth Hale, missionary to Malaya, was the special guest speaker for the occasion.

The new addition of three floors (the basement being left in an unfinished condition) was completed in the fall, and on September 22, 1957 the church moved into the new building, with the formal opening and open house on September 29, 1957. The new building, equipment and landscaping of the grounds cost a total of \$88,228.34. With the opening of the new building, its larger sanctuary and 2 floors completed, a regular church bulletin was issued each Sunday.

In October of 1957, the Northside Baptist Kindergarten was formed with 21 children and a director. This was to be sponsored by the church, but operated on a non-profit basis, giving an additional service to the church membership and its families.

The church was growing so rapidly the need was felt to increase the number of deacons to help carry on the work, so the church added three additional deacons, making a total of nine serving on the board.

During 1957, the church choirs had grown to 60 members, and during the year of 1958 the choirs increased to five with a total membership of 89. In 1958 it was decided to install an organ. This was to be purchased without any obligation to the church and paid for by voluntary love offerings from all who wished to make a contribution, regularly or at any time during the year. This was to be over and above their regular tithes.

The Kindergarten Department had operated so successfully, that at the beginning of September, 1958, it was necessary to divide into two sessions, morning and afternoon, requiring 2 instructors.



Therefore, on May 21 and 22, 1959, two separate Commencement Exercises were conducted, graduating 38 children from the two groups.

The continued growth in all departments of the church and organizational work had made additional class room space needed. At least part of the unfinished lower floor of the new addition would be urgently needed by Promotion Day, October 1, 1958.

During these eight years, the church had two building additions, the last being a three story brick educational building with a temporary sanctuary seating 300. During 1957 the church completed the first two stories of this building, and now is working on the lower floor, or basement floor, to make room for our Sunday School Classes. The concrete floor has been poured and the furnace has been installed permitting two classes to meet there. Something over \$1,000.00 has already been spent on this lower floor. This is over and above the tithes of the members, as completion is being done only as the money is made available through contributions and love offerings.

The church has grown in all phases of work. Sixty-one new members were added to the church roll during 1959, making a total of 286 members, 458 in Sunday School, 164 in Training Union, 64 in Brotherhood, 107 members in all choirs, and 165 in W.M.U. with six active circles. The Girl's Auxiliary has a total of 36 members and seven counselors, and has crowned seven queens, and presented one with a septer. The Kindergarten Department opened 1959 with approximately 50 children enrolled, and two instructors. The church library now boasts a total of 885 books. During 1959, members gave \$5,522.44 to missions, and a total of \$28,144.12 in gifts for all purposes.

At the end of 1959, the total debt of the church was \$66,579.85. The church budget for 1959-1960 was set at \$35,600.00.

In 1959 the Official Board of Deacons were: Charlie Garrett, James Hinton, Terrell Duncan, E. W. Nash, Bryon Raley, John Spinks, Phillip Thomas, Irvin Kelly, C. C. Watson. E. D. Paylor and S. J. McWatters were inactive due to the rotating system.







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It was September 14, 1883, that a small group of interested people met in the village of Swpsonville, for the purpose of organizing a Baptist church. Those present were: C. Durham, of Durham, Rev. C. E. Gowan of Graham, and Rev. W. L. Wright and C. A. Rominger of Hillsboro.

After reading the scripture, singing, and prayer, the church covenant and articles of faith were read and adopted by the members. On a motion of Rev. C. E. Gowan the organization was recognized as "The Swpsonville Baptist Church", with Rev. W. L. Wright becoming its first pastor with a salary of \$50 per year. On a motion of Mr. Wright, the church decided to ask for admission into the Mount Zion Association. The request was granted early in October of the same year.

To begin with there were only five members. These were Wiley Woods, J. W. Overman, Miss Belle Underwood, and Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Cooke.

The church next selected its' officers and deacons and began its' work among the people of the village. Services were held one a month in a machine shop at the mill, down near the river, and later in different homes in the village. E. M. Cooke, W. A. Woods, and J. A. Alderman were made trustees of the church. As the mill and the village continued to grow, so did the church grow, with several people becoming members, at each service.

Soon after the church was organized, on November 18, 1883, the congregation voted to begin "Sabbath School". Thus the first Sunday School was begun. E. M. Cooke was elected superintendent, with H. M. Cates as assistant, and J. A. Watkins, secretary. Among the first teachers were E. M. Cooke, Willie Rominger, Julian Alderman, and Miss Dacia Fogleman.

After each preaching service the church held a business meeting in which the roll of the male members was called every month, the female roll being called every three months. Much emphasis was placed on the members being present. Absentees were checked and someone was appointed to visit the absent member and find out his reason for not being there.

In the words of an early pastor: "We don't want to be dictators, but we feel that a church member should support his church." Members were constantly being dropped from church membership for non-attendance or misconduct. Frequently the offenses were minor ones. To come back into the fellowship of the church, the erring members were expected to apologize to the church and ask forgiveness.

Plans for a church building were soon underway. The exact date of the building of the church is unknown, but it is thought to have been constructed around 1885, the land upon which it stands being given by Mrs. George W. Swpson, who also gave the church bell. Baptismal services were held at the river, just a little below the dam, until the Baptistry was added to the church in 1905.

In 1885, Mrs. Virginia Swpson, first wife of A. L. Baker, passed away, leaving in her will an endowment of \$2,000 to the Swpsonville Baptist Church. This money was to be placed in the bank, and the interest from it was to be used for repairs and upkeep of the church. This money is still in the bank today, being placed in bonds several years ago.



Although the first few years of the church were uneventful, much good was accomplished, and the church continued to grow. On November 13, 1904, Miss M. V. Follet, president of the Womens Missionary Society of the Mount Zion Association, met the children at 10:45 a.m. and organized the first Sunbeam Band at the church. She also met the ladies at 3:00 p.m. and organized a W. M. U. with eight members present.

Perhaps the most outstanding event in the history of the church occurred in 1905, when the Mount Zion Association held its annual meeting here. Vast preparations were made by all the members in their efforts to entertain their guest. The memory of this event still lingers in the hearts and minds of many of the older members.

The church's progress through the years has been largely due to the fact that it has had dedicated pastors. These pastors were: 1883-1887, Rev. W. L. Wright; 1887 -, Rev. A. T. Hord; 1900-1904, Rev. W. A. Smith; 1904-1906, Rev. J. E. M. Davenport; 1906-1910, Rev. S. W. Oldham; 1910-1914, Rev. J. A. Hackney; 1914-1922, Rev. L. R. Dixon; 1922-1928, Rev. B. F. Deloach; 1928-1935, Rev. B. L. Gupton; 1935-1940, Rev. G. G. Grubb; 1940-1942, Rev. Isaac Terrell; 1942-1945, Rev. W. C. Adkinson; 1945-1950, Rev. Ben W. Cox; 1951 - 1954, Dr. Clyde D. Chapman; 1955-1958, Rev. Charles W. Namney; and 1958 -, Rev. Paul Kesterson.

In August of 1918, the church voted to hold preaching services two Sundays each month. Rev. L. R. Dixon was pastor at the time. In 1920, Sunday School rooms were added. By 1929, there were 187 church members, and 149 enrolled in Sunday School, with nine teachers.

In the fall of 1941 while Rev. Isaac Terrell was pastor, the church sanctuary was completely remodeled. This included new pews, light fixtures, choir loft, a new baptistry, and a balcony, making it possible to seat more people. At that time Mrs. A. L. Baker, late president of Virginia Mills, Inc., gave an electric organ in memory of her late husband.

Homecoming Sunday was observed at which time the organ was dedicated and played for the first time by Mrs. Walter M. Williams.

During the years of the Second World War, the church began to see the need of additional Sunday School rooms. The church decided in 1942, to call a full-time pastor, which showed the need for a parsonage. Rev. W. C. Adkinson became the first full-time pastor, and under his leadership a large building program was launched. By the end of the war, when building materials became available, several thousand dollars was in the building fund treasury to begin the various buildings. W. M. Williams was elected chairman of the Building Committee, and with his motto of "Everyone doing his part", several pledge Sundays were observed, in which different members pledged to give certain amounts of money in a given length of time. This method proved so highly successful that it has been used each time a building has been planned.

A parsonage was started in 1945, completed in 1946, and occupied by Rev. Ben Cox, who was pastor at this time.

A Junior and Young Peoples' Building was finished in 1946, containing two assembly rooms and eight class rooms.



Growing constantly, by 1950 the church decided to expand again, and constructed an educational plant. Finished in 1951, it includes several class rooms, an assembly room, kitchen, and fellowship hall, Nursery, Pastor's Study and Office, and three rest rooms.

Memorial windows were added to the sanctuary in 1953. These windows were given by different families in honor and in memory of Caswell and Lola S. Andrews, Mrs. Pearl Andrews Overman, Mrs. Pearl Rogers Petty, the pastors, Jerry and Geneva Webster, Lon and Onie Snipes, Walter and Florie Cooper Williams, Joseph Gurney and Mary Susan Phillips, George and Alice Isley, and Jesus Christ, Our Saviour.

Air conditioning was also installed at that time. Other memorials to the church include a new electric organ in 1952, by Julian and Ashby Baker, in memory of their parents, Ashby Lee and Minnie F. Baker; pulpit stand and chairs, given by the family of Mr. Tom S. Overman, in memory of him; and choir robes by Mr. and Mrs. Walter M. Williams.

In 1958, the sanctuary and vestibule were carpeted. Also in that same year, the house and lot beside the church were purchased, with an eye for future expansion. In 1959, a library was begun, with many of the books being given by various church members. Some were given in honor and memory of different loved ones.

Already the church sees her need of additional class rooms.

Compared to budget of \$50.00 and a membership of five in 1883, the Swepsonville Baptist Church today has a church enrollment of 456, a Sunday School enrollment of 385, a B. T. U. Enrollment of 119, and a church budget of \$24,320.00. There are twenty-five Sunday School classes, an extension department, and a growing W.M.U. and Mens' Brotherhood. The church staff includes the pastor, secretary, organist, choir director, and sexton.

This growth could not have been accomplished without good leadership and cooperation among the members of the church down through the years. Some of the chairmen of the Deacons who helped in this progress include E. M. Cooke, T. A. Burke, L. R. Snipes, W. M. Phillips, W. M. Williams, H. G. Foster, Leon Henderson and J. A. Webster.

One of the leaders who meant so much to the church through the years was the late Walter M. Williams. His great enthusiasm for church work was caught by many others. For several years he held the office of Sunday School Superintendent and chairman of the Deacons. He also attained statewide recognition as Moderator of the Mount Zion Association, a Trustee of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary and Wake Forest College. He also served as a trustee of the Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem and was a frequent visitor to the Baptist State Convention. Since his death, early in 1959, he has been sorely missed. In his will, Mr. Williams left to the Swepsonville Baptist Church the sum of \$2,000.00.

Perhaps the greatest contribution the church has made to the community is the fact that so many young people have gone out to become Christian leaders, nurses, teachers, and dedicated Christian parents. Among these young people are one minister, Rev. Coy Privette, and Ronald Clapp, who is studying for the ministry. The church also helped to sponsor the Edgewood Mission, while it was being organized as a church.

Today, in the year 1960, Rev. Paul Kesterson is pastor of the Swepsonville Baptist Church. He also has the distinction of being Regional Superintendent of Region Four, of the state Sunday School work. Under his leadership the church is planning



an enlargement program by which unchurched people in the community may be reached.

With the same spirit that has led beloved members of years gone by, and faith in God, the Swepsonville Baptist Church looks forward to the future with a hope of continued growth and work through the community of Swepsonville.

















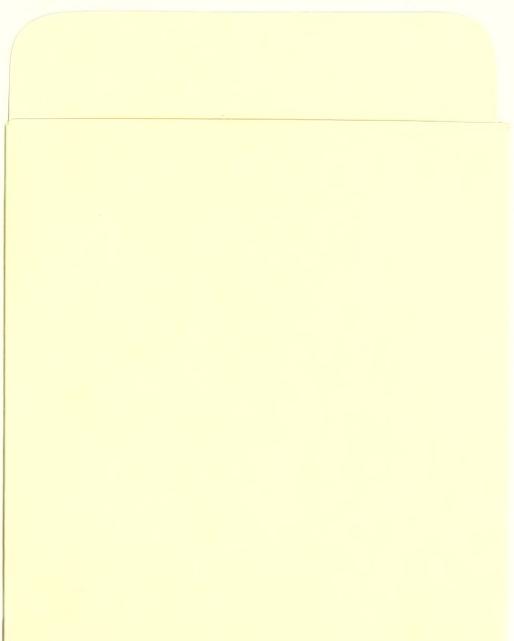
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